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... In 2008, the Mount St Helens elk herd was thriving ... Ten years of the spread of hoof disease and efforts to cull breeding cows had already reduced the herd before the devastating winter of 2016 hit... 2012, when more than 3,000 elk were harvested... Last year, a total of 981 elk were harvested during the general season in addition to 192 elk harvested by permit ..,