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... Colorado's highest population estimate occurred in 1983, when deer numbers reached an estimated 625,000 and today the population is under 400,000... In the case of northwest Colorado, some suggest that on-going oil and gas development could be the cause in the recent deer decline. ...