

Hello members of the committee,

As an 84 year old and rancher of over 65 years im asking that you please take my testimony into consideration. I have had deer herded up in my feed supplies since I started ranching and I've seen over 500 deer in my hay yards at a time on hard winters and no less then 150 on normal winters. The one thing that I have seen that as helped keep the herds in smaller numbers is when hunters have kept feed out in the pastures away from my feed supply. So I ask that you please encourage more people to put out supplemental feed year around instead of taking that opportunity away. And also from what I've observed I would say the deer herd looks healthier and more sets of twins when hunters are supplementing with feed year around.

Also I've seen lots of feed put on my land with the purpose of hunting over and maybe 15 deer at most come into it. So I leave you with the question is banning baiting going to slow the spread when this winter i have 500+ deer in my hay yard? And please don't take the opportunity away from my kids getting my grandkids interested in deer hunting.

Thanks for reading
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