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To the Editor:

The July 7 editorial "Elk Hunting in the Badlands" demonstrated a fundamentally flawed perspective on elk management in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Senator Dorgan's amendment to allow selective public hunting by certified hunters is a common sense idea and within the purview of Congress. Thus far, the National Park Service (NPS) has failed to develop an effective solution to the Park's overpopulated elk herd and has spent thousands of dollars delaying the process.

While normally such management issues should be left to NPS, Congress is responsible for oversight when federal agencies fail to meet their core goals. NPS' possible solutions include questionable helicopter hazing, which would shift the problem to park neighbors, and hiring federal shooters for a task that qualified volunteers would do for free.

Senator Dorgan's amendment upholds our responsible outdoor heritage, prevents the waste of tax dollars, and raises badly needed funds for wildlife management and conversation.

Sincerely,



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