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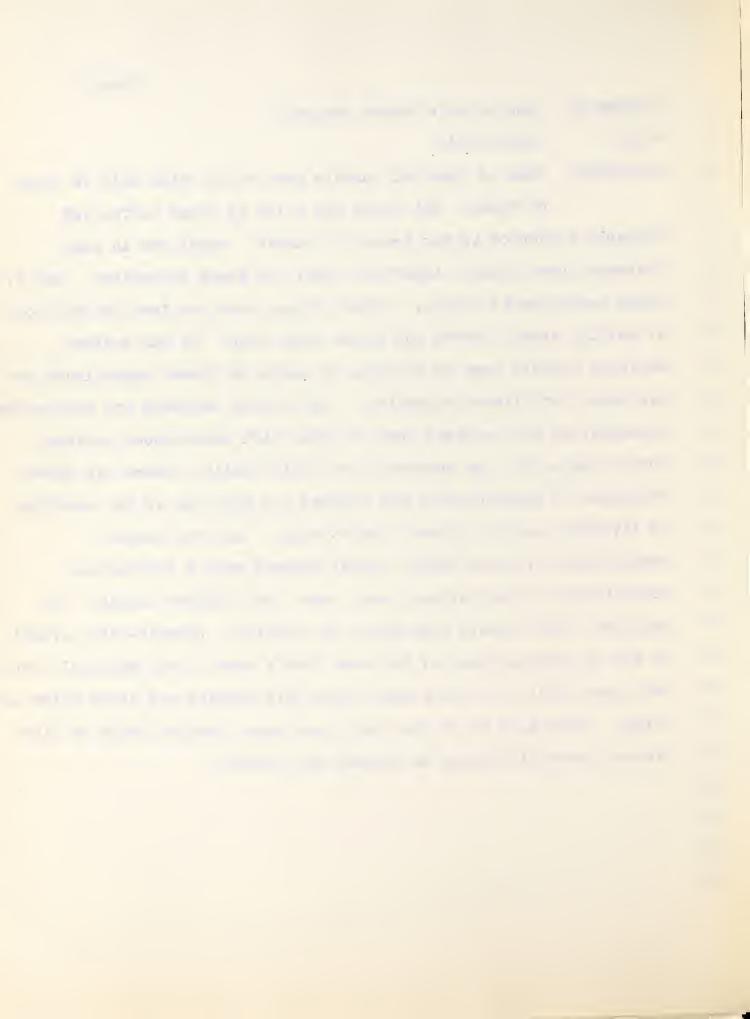
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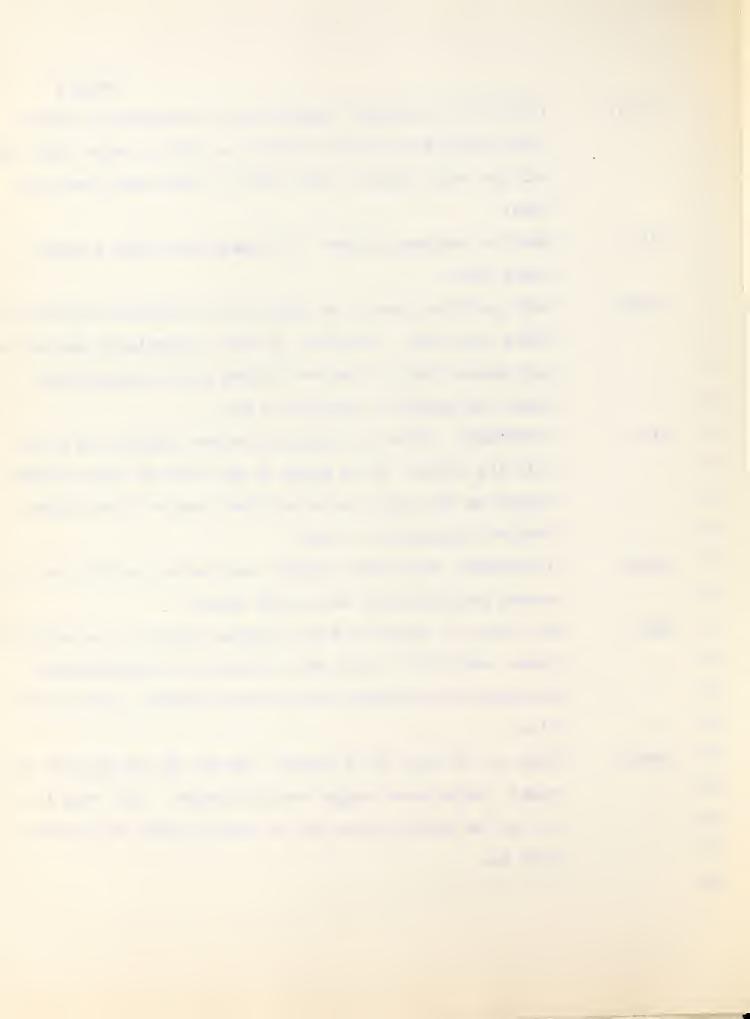


- . ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers".
- ?. MUSIC: HANGER SONG
- 3. ANNOUNCER; When we think of forests most of us think only in terms
- 4. of trees. But there are a lot of other useful and
- 5, valuable resources in the forest of almost equal and in some
- 6. instances even greater importance than the trees themselves. One of
- 7. these resources is forage. Forest forage provides feed for millions
- 8, of cattle, sheep, horses and goats every year. In our western
- 9. National Forests tens of millions of acres of forest range lands are
- 10, available for livestock grazing. And western stockmen are critically
- 11. dependent on the luscious feed of these high mountainous national
- 12. forest ranges for the production of their quality steers and lambs.
- 13. Thousands of sheep-herders and cowboys are employed in the handling
- 14. of livestock on the national forest range. And the ranges
- 15. administered by Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers make a substantial
- 16. contribution to our national meat, wool and leather supply. In
- 17. addition, they support many kinds of wildlife. Seventy-five percent
- 18, of the big game animals of the west find a home in our National Forests
- 19. Well, now let's see what Forest Ranger Jim Robbins and Jerry Quick are
- 20, doing. As we look in at the Pine Cone Ranger Station today we find
- 21. Jim and Jerry discussing an unusual new project.
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1,	JERRY:	(FADING IN LAUGHING) You know Jim, every time I think
2,		about doing this job it strikes me funnier every time. Of
3,		all the crazy ideas I ever heard of this one takes the
4.		cake.
5,	JIM:	What do you mean, Jerry? It seems to me like a pretty
6,		smart 1dea.
7,	JERRY:	Well just the idea of us going out and putting tags in the
8.		elk's ears, Jim. (LAUGHS) I got a handpainted picture of
9.		you ohasin one of them elk calves around through the
10.		brush and putting a tag in his ear.
11.	JIM:	(CHUCKLES) We're not going to do much chasing if I can
12.		help it, Jerry. We're going to get some of these calves
13.		tagged in the first few days after they re born before
14.		they ve learned how to run.
15.	JERRY:	(LAUGHING) Next thing they all want us to do will be to go
16.		around putting bells on grizzly bears.
17,	JIM:	No, Jerry, I think this elk tagging project is a good sound
18,		idea. And it ill settle this business of elk migration
19,		up there in the Martin Creek Divide Country once and for
20,		all.
21.	JERRY:	Yeah it will if it works. But how do you know it will
22.		work? We ve never tagged any elk before. And even if we
23,		do tag 'em we've got no way of knowing what the results
24.		will be.

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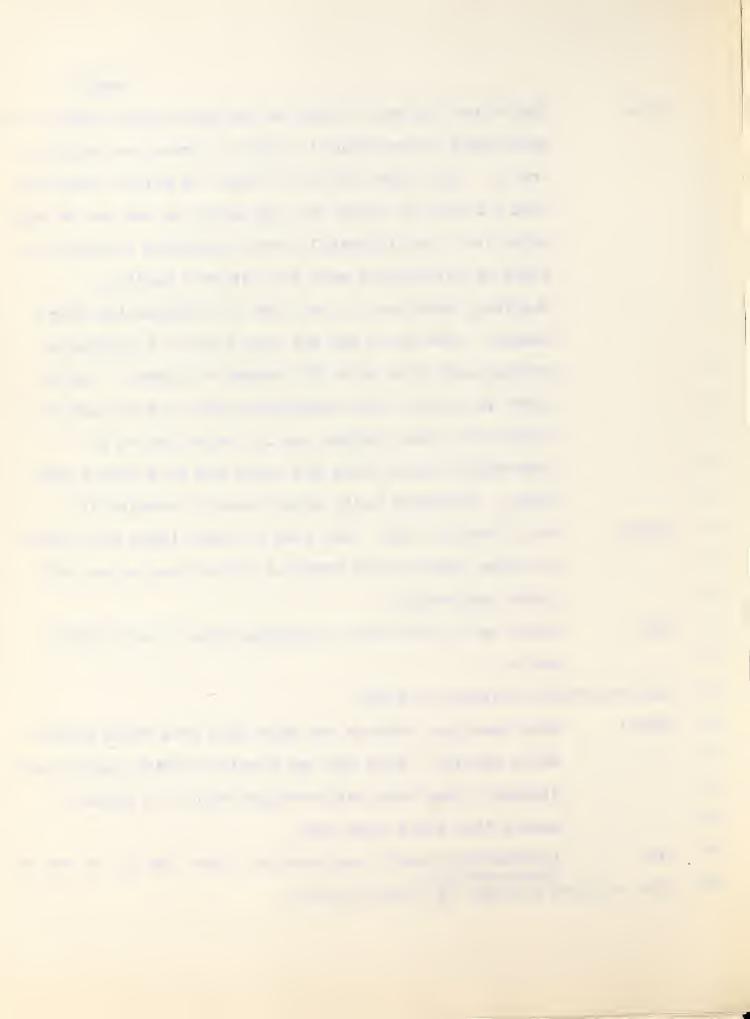


JIBI: That's not the way to look at the job at all, Jerry. We dia n 20 never know how anything is going to prove out until we 3 try 1t. That game problem up there on Martin Creek has Die. been a Jonah for years and this might be one way to help 5. solve it. The Biological Survey opened up a whole new B. field of information when they started banding rg migratory birds and it was just the information they 83 needed. Here we've got the same kind of a migration 3. problem only it's with elk instead of birds. And it 30. looks to me like this ear-tagglng idea may be just the الم الم thing we've been looking for ... We've got to be 12. open-minded about these new ideas and give them a try, 13. Jerry. Otherwise we'll always be at a standstill. 14. JERRY: Aw, I know it, Jim. But some of these ideas they hatch 15. out down there in the regional office seem to me just 16. plain squirrelly. 7 77 JIM: Well, we'll give this ear-tagging idea a real tryout, 18. and one 19. (EXCITED WOMEN'S VOICES OFF MIKE) JERRY: Here come Mrs. Robbins and Mary back from their Ladies

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21. Guild meeting. From the way they're chewin' the fat and 220 stepping along they must have got hold of a piece of 23. gossip that was a good one.

24. JIM: (CHUCKLES) It don't take much to start 'em off at one of these meetings. 25. BESS AND MARY BREAKING IN SIMULTANEOUSLY



- 1. BESS: Jim, I was never so disgusted with anything in my life. 2. Oh, Jerry, you and Mr. Robbins should have been there. MARY: 3, It was awfula 4. BESS: He actually stood up there and asked us to sign a 5. resolution. Why, I was never so ... so ... JIM: (CHUCKLES) You don't mean to say you were speechless, do 6. 7. you Bess? 8, BESS: This is no laughing matter, Jim Robbins. 9, JERRY: Well, for Pete's sake, what's it all about? You two come 10. puffing and snorting in here all hot under the collar and 11. don't tell us a thing. What happened? 12. MARY: Oh, Jerry, it was that silly Sylvester Payne. I can't 13. imagine why they asked him to speak to the Ladies 14. Guild in the first place. 15. BESS: Neither can I Mary. 16. JIM: Sylvester Payne. That's the naturalist from Willow 17. Glen, Jerry. 18. JERRY: Yeah. I ran into him up the North Fork the other day 19. collecting wild flowers or something. 20. BESS: He certainly wasn't collecting any wild flowers today, 21. Jerry. He was taking the hide off the Forest Service 22. Occochi I was never so mortified ...
- 23. JIM: You mean Sylvester Payne made a talk against the Forest 24. Service? I wish I had been there.

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2 .	JERRY:	Me too. Just to look at him you wouldn't think he could
**************************************	4	make any kind of talk at all he's so meek and mild.
i) o	MARY:	Well, he's not, Jerry. I'm telling you he's going to
A.		make a lot of trouble.
5.	BESS:	Why, he wanted us to sign a resolution condemning the
6.		Forest Service for what it's doing. If I hadn t
7.		stood up and
8.	JIM:	What kind of a resolution was this? What's behind all
Co		this trouble anyway?
10.	MARY:	It's something about putting tags in the ears of elk,
11.		Mr. Robbins. Sylvester Payne says the Forest Service is
		killing the elk.
2:3.	JERRY:	AH HA!
1.40	BESS:	Well, what he said, Jim, was that the Forest Service was
10.		catching little elk calves and putting tags in their ears
16.		before they could walk. And that then the mother animals
17.		wouldn't have any more to do with them and the calves
20.		would starve or be killed by the coyotes.
19.	JIM:	H-m-m. It looks like Sylvester's got some advance
00.		information. What did the club members think about it?
01.	JERRY:	Hal You can imagine how a bunch of women would
22.		take to something like that, Jim. I'll bet they were
200		worked up plenty!
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4 cm	MARY:	They were worked up, Jerry. And 1f Mrs. Robbins hadn t
57 8		been there they'd have signed the resolution he wanted
22 p		them to sign to stop the work, too.
4.	BESS:	Somebody had to say something, Mary. You know I couldn't
5.		just alt there and say nothing after the way he went
6.		after the forest Service.
77 6	JERRY:	What dayou tell them, Mrs. Robbins?
8.	BESS:	Well Jerry, I just stood up and said that what Mr. Payne
0.		said might be true. I didn't know. But I did know that
10.		the Forest Service wasn't trying to kill the elk they
11.		were trying to save them. And I said that the Forest
12.		Service wouldn't start a project of any kind without
13.		having some idea of how it was going to turn out. And
14.		then I ended by asking Mr. Payne if he had ever caught a
25.		calf elk and seen the mother elk leave it.
16.	MARY:	When Mrs. Robbins asked him that you should have seen him.
17.		His face got as red as a beet and he couldn't say a thing.
18.		He just sort of sneaked off the platform and that broke up
19.		the meeting.
20.	JERFY:	Gee, Mrs. Robbins, I wish I could have heard you.
21.	BESS:	Well, now that I ve got my foot into this thing I want to
22,		know more about it. If the elk calves are being killed
23.		I'll go back and get Sylvester Payne's resolution adopted
24.		myself. What's this elk tagging program about, Jim? You
25.		haven't ever said anything to me about it.



5 P	JERRY:	It's a new job to us, Mrs. Robbins. It's been tried in
2:		some of the Forests farther north but this is the first
r e		time we've had anything to do with it.
A. c.	MARY:	I'd like to know what 15°s all about and what it's
6		supposed to do too, Mr. Robbins.
6,	JIM:	Well, what we're trying to do, Mary, is to save the range
7.		the elk are feeding on Here, look at this map. You
8,		see right here is a high range of mountains that we call
9.		the Martin Creek Divide. Here on this side of the Divide
10,		is a big area marked in red that's the range of the
II.		South Fork elk herd and it takes in the area all around
12,		the head of the South Fork River. And over across the
3.3.		mountains on this other side of the Divide you see there's
14.		another big area marked in red to show the range of the
3, 5 ₉		Martin Creek elk herd, all around the head of Martin
3.6.		Creek. Now on both sides of the Divide it's all wild
1.7.		back-country no roads and a long way from any town.
3.8		Not many hunters ever get back in there. And there's no
19.		grazing of any domestic livestock like sheep and cattle
20,		either. It's strictly a land for the game.
21,	BESS:	Why don't the red lines meet on top of the Divide, Jim' I
22,		should think the elk could cross back and forth across the
22.		mountains there just as easy as not.
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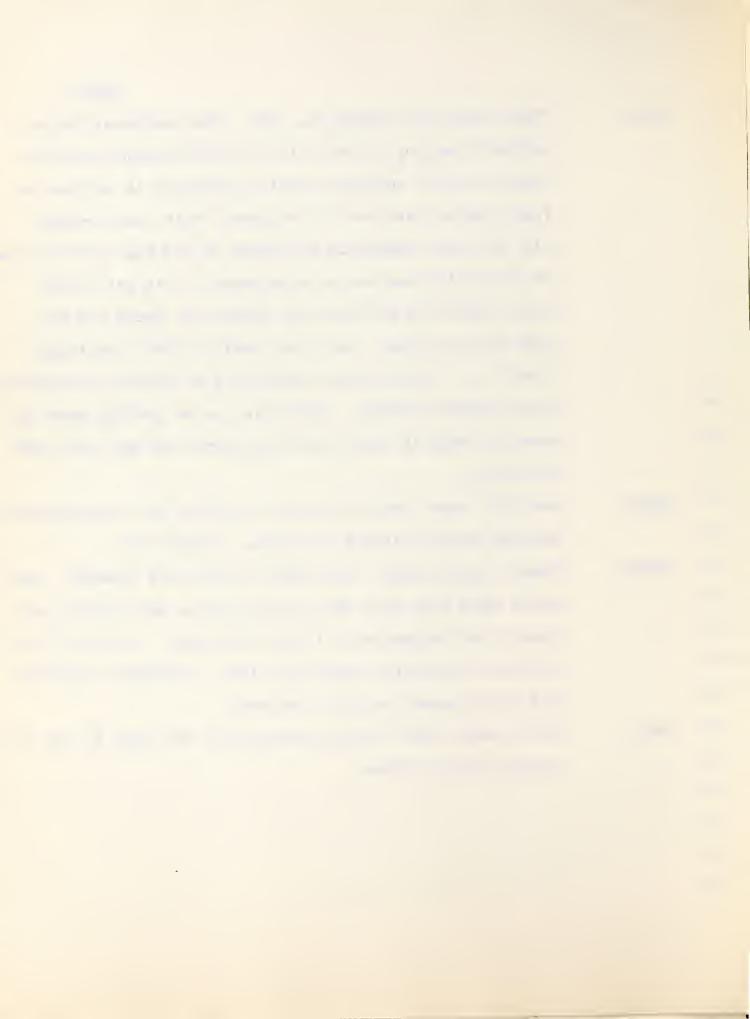
J. 8 That's what I'm coming to, Bess. You see since there's JIM: 20 not much hunting up there in that back country and the (1) p animals aren't molested they've increased in numbers so S. m fast they've just sort of outgrown their feed grounds. 5. All that area marked in red there on the map on both sides E 1 00 of the Divide has become overgrazed. It's got to the FT S place where the elk are even eating the twigs and the 0 bark off the trees. And the result is that the forage 0 plants ... the grass and bushes and so forth are eaten so 100 close they re killed. And while you're getting more and 220 more elk back in there you're getting less and less feed 2 3 for them. 150 MARY: And that means there ! ll soon be nothing for the animals to 140 eat and they'll starve to death. Is that it? 15 JERRY: That's right, Mary. You ought to see that country. Jim 1.63. and I have been over that range after a hard winter and 17 there's elk carcasses all over the place. A lot of the ell 10. that don't actually starve get into a weakened condition 1.00 and get diseased and die that way. 00. BESS: But I still don't see why you want to put tags in the ears of the little calves.

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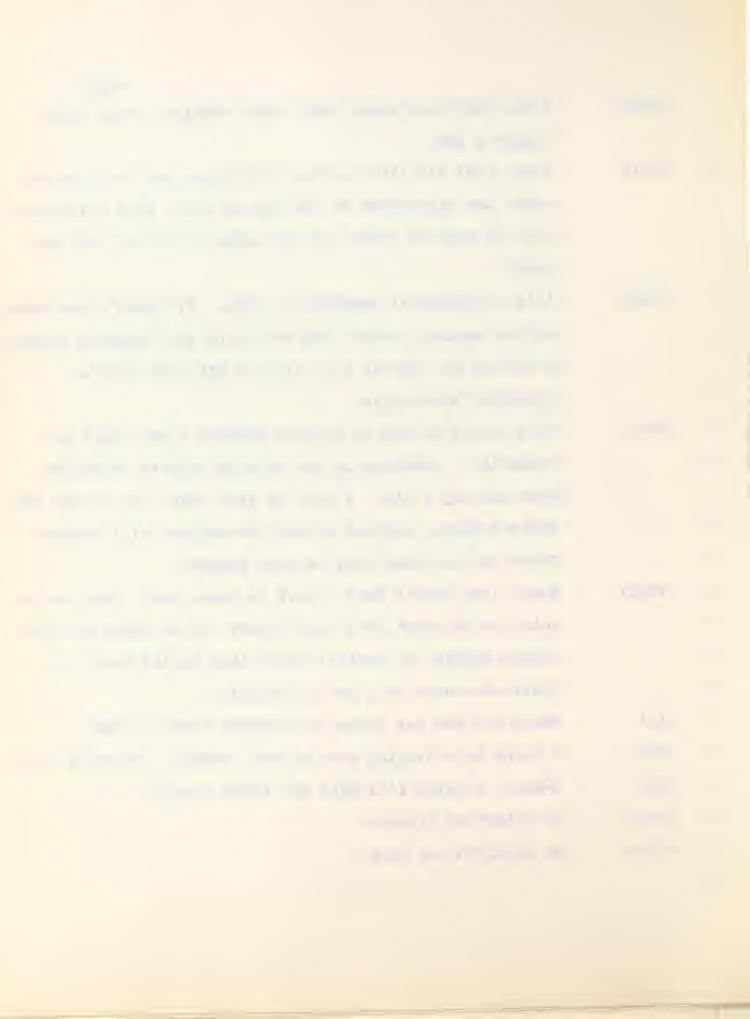


0.19 JIM: Well the idea of that, Bess, is simply this. We want to find out whether there's actually two herds of elk up there in that country or whether, like you say, the 213 4 3 animals travel back and forth a cross the Divide and actually are just one big herd. We're hoping we can find 62 p 8 out by the ear tagging method. We'll put the tags in the 8 0 ears of the new born calves during the calving period and keep a record of where the calves were tagged. Then a 8. 9. year or so later when some hunter finds an elk that s been 10. tagged we'll get him to return the tag to us and tell us 77. the location. That way we can find out the migration 18. routes and distances these Martin Creek and South Fork 13. elk travel. 14. BESS: But how do you know that these little calves you tag will 15. live and grow up, Jim? How do you know the mothers won to 1.6. leave their calves if they re tagged, like Mr. Payne says? 17. JIM: Well Bess, the only thing we've got to go on is the 18. experience of game management men on some of the other 19. Forests. They found the mother elk stay right there and 20. stay close to the calves all during the operation. I've 31 6 still got to find that out for myself. 22. BESS: Then you don't really know whether Sylvester Payne was 23. right or not? 34. JIM: Nope. From personal experience I can't say that I know 25. anything about it one way or the other.



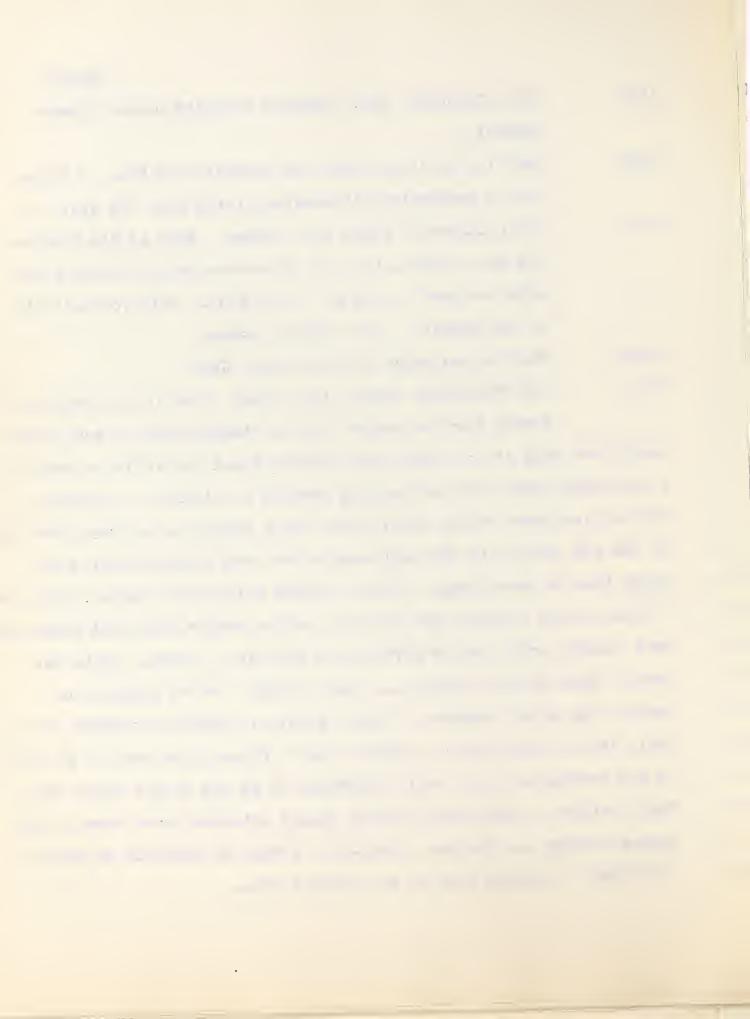
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10 fg	JERRY:	We'll know more about that, Mrs. Robbins, after we've
**************************************		tagged a few.
5.	MARY:	Well, what I'd like to know is why you want to find out
41 22 41		about the migrations of the elk at all. What difference
5,		does it make if there are two herds of elk or only one
5,		herd?
7.	JERRY:	It's a problem of management, Mary. If there's two herds
8,		on two separate areas then we ve got two separate problems
ę,		to deal with. But if it's all one big herd that's
10,		something else again.
all all	BESS;	Well what I'd like to know is whether I was right or
12,		wrong in standing up and talking back to Sylvester
135		Payne the way I did. I want to know about the calves and
		their mothers, whether or not the mothers will abandon
15.		their calves after they ve been tagged.
16.	JERRY:	Yeah, Jim, that's what I want to know, too. What are we
27		going to do about this bird Payne? If he keeps on going
18,		around talking to ladies clubs like he did here hegs
19,		liable to cause us a lot of trouble.
20.	JIM:	Where did you say Payne was staying here in town?
11	BESS:	I think he's staying down at Mrs. Beeman's boarding house.
22,	JIM:	H-m-m. I think I'll give Mr. Payne a call.
23,	SOUND:	OF TELEPHONE RINGING
24,	SOUND:	OF RECEIVER OFF HOOK

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1.0	JIME	(TO TELEPHONE) Mrs. Beeman's boarding house, please,
8.		central.
3,	BESS:	Now Jim, don't you make any trouble with him. I think
40		he's a perfectly well-meaning little man. He just
5,	JIM:	(TO TELEPHONE) Hello Mrs. Beeman. This is Jim Robbins.
6.		Say Mrs. Beeman, is a Mr. Sylvester Payne staying there
? o		with you now? He is? Well fine. Will you call him
8.		to the phone? All right, thanks.
9.	JERHY:	What re you going to say to him, Jim?
10,	JIMS	(TO TELEPHONE) Hello, Mr. Payne? This is Jim Robbins, the
11,		Forest Service Ranger here in Winding Creek. Mrs. Robbins
12.	heard your	talk at the Guild this afternoon and she tells me you ve got
15,	a few doubt	s about our elk tagging program Ah-h-h Uh-huh
14.	Well my ass	istant ranger Jerry Quick and I happen to be going back up
15.	in the elk	country in the next couple days and I thought maybe you
16,	might like	to come along. It'll be about a four day trip all told, but
270	I think we	can help you get fixed up with a saddle horse all right and
18,	we ⁰ d might	y well like to have you go with us Yeah. Up in the
19,	Martin Cree	k Divide country That s right. We re planning on
20.	leaving day	after tomorrow. That s right Sunday afternoon. You can
21.	Well, that	s first rate What's that? Oh nono sir it won't
22.	be any trou	ble at all. We'll count you in as one of the party then
23.	That s righ	t about one ofclock Sunday afternoon over here at the
3 4.	ranger stat	ion You bet. Good-bye. (SOUND OF RECEIVER ON HOOK

(CHUCKLES) Sounded like he was tickled pink.



Es (. JERRY: Yeah, but goodnight, Jim, what the sam hill did you have 0 6 to go and do that for? We don't know this guy Payne from 30 the eight-ball and here you ve invited him to go along with \$ e us to look in on a new project, we aren't even sure of 50 ourselves. Besides that I bet hels nothing but a greenhorn 6. sissy and he'll mess up the whole trip. 100 JIM: Well, the Forest Service is one outfit that hasn't got any 3. secrets about its work, Jerry. Stranger or no stranger, 3. if Payne is interested in ear-tagging elk I want him to 10. know all there is to know about it. (CHUCKLES) And after 110 talking to him on the phone I think you've got him sized up 200 all wrong. I've got a hunch he's quite a red-blooded 13. individual and that he'll be a real help to the party. MUSIC: FINALE 240 150 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers will be with us again next 16. Friday on the National Farm and Home Hour. This program 270 is a presentation of the National Broadcasting Company with 18. the cooperation of the United States Forest Service. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 9 4. ep-9:30

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