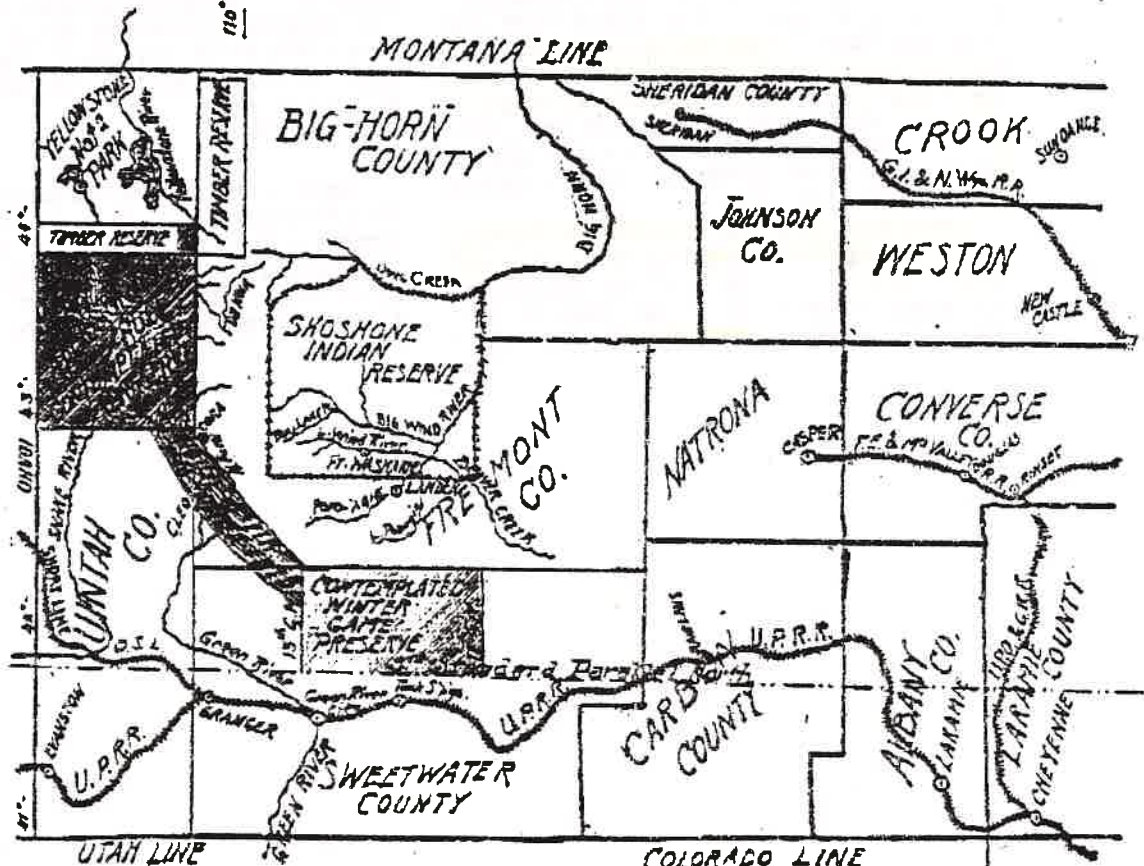


A WINTER GAME PRESERVE.

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Editor RECREATION: In the June number of your Sportsman's Bible you present a few ideas in relation to adding to our game preserve in this State. I read the article, and then began thinking. I might have gone no farther than the thinking stage had not that veteran guide and sportsman, Ira Dodge, of Cora, Wyo., paid our city a visit. Our talk naturally turned to hunting and fishing, and, as a consequence, to game laws and game pro-

will find a tract of country marked "the red desert." We conclude that by setting off a portion of country between the twelfth guide meridian on the East, and the thirteenth guide meridian on the West, the fifth standard parallel (North) on the South, and the South boundary of Fremont county on the North, enough of this territory would be taken in to furnish a winter range for the elk, and other large game, for all time.



MAP OF PROPOSED WINTER GAME PRESERVE.

tection. Without doubt Colonel Dodge is the best posted man in the West on our big game and their haunts.

We were discussing the question of establishing a winter game park, and concluded to put the L. A. S. in possession of some facts, and to call his attention to a stretch of country that is practically of no value to any one, but which furnishes winter range for more elk and antelope than all the remaining portion of Wyoming.

Look at a map of this State, and in the northern part of Sweetwater county you

We are also heartily in favor of extending the park limits so as to include all of Jackson's Hole proper. In this we differ slightly from the editor of RECREATION. To make the East boundary of the timber reserve the East boundary of the contemplated preserve would be to go farther East than is necessary or wise. This is for several reasons.

1st. All along the head of Wind river, the Du Noir, Horse creek, and all the tributaries of Wind river are improved ranches. Many of these are patented, and we would have a big fight on our hands,

and a big expense in buying out the settlers.

2d. The game needs no more protection on their summer range than can be given by game wardens.

3d. The elk are almost all gone from that part of the country before the beginning of the close season. It is a mountainous region, except as to the ranch country before mentioned.

I have sent you a map of this country, in which you can see the Jackson's Hole preserve as it would be if extended from the National Park. Also the game preserve on the red desert, and the trail elk and other game take in going to their winter range.

I have also talked this matter over with Nelson Yarnell, another of the best guides on this side of the divide, and he fully agrees with Mr. Dodge and me.

I have seen large bands of elk, in November, making their pilgrimage to this red desert country. Many of the readers of RECREATION will remember reading Mr. Yarnell's story, "3,000 Elk." That band

was on its way to the same winter feeding grounds. Mr. Dodge says fully 20,000 elk pass his place every fall, all bound for the same winter range. If the L. A. S. can pull this scheme through Congress, it will be one of the greatest triumphs for game protection yet achieved. Of course it would put all the territory included in these preserves under the same protection and management as is now afforded the National Park. We are thoroughly aroused to the necessity of immediate action if we could afford adequate protection for our game, and if any interested sportsman desires further light on the subject Mr. Dodge and I will gladly furnish it.

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This is a most excellent proposition, and the officers of the L. A. S. will undoubtedly present a bill to Congress, at its next session, asking that the Park limits be extended so as to include the portion of the red desert indicated on the above map.—EDITOR.