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Tule Elk, once numerous, have been hunted almost to extinction with no legal limits imposed until very recently.

The Tule was almost wiped out by hunters and trappers in 1870.

In this century, their population has increased slowly to a heard of 300 now roaming free east of the Sierra Nevada.

Recently Senator Cranston was instrumental in getting the hunt stopped by the introduction of a Senate Bill to create a Tule Elk wildlife refuge.

California has now declared intent to allow the Tule Elk population to reach 2,000, the minimum, said by zoologists, to be necessary to prevent the extinction of the species.

In August, President Ford signed a bill from the Congress calling for a joint federal-state management plan to accommodate a Tule Elk herd of 2,000 (minimum).

The Tule Elk is a dwarf species native to California's Owens Valley and was a sanctioned hunt as late as 1970. It is unthinkable that this state would permit this, but there is a public awareness now as people realize that the preservation of large native mammals may one day prove to be an essential key to man's survival in this monumental environmental struggle of today.

The End

Resource: Newsletter from the Hon. Alan Cranston, U. S. Senator, Washington, D.C.
Picture of Tule Elk from Senator Cranston's Newsletter.

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