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Greeting fellow elk breeders and friends. It's hard to believe September has arrived. It's like the "reward" time of year for those of us in the elk industry. The antlers have grown, the velvets been peeled and we all get a look at the "fruits of our labors".

The first annual TUEFA convention was a HUGE success! The TUEFA board and volunteers would like to thank all of the elk farmers and breeders who took time from their busy schedules to attend this event and make it the overwhelming success that it was. We had more people attend and new members join than we could have imagined. We deeply and sincerely thank you all for your devotion to the elk industry and your faith in us as we grow, develop our programs and work to ensure success for all elk breeders and farmers.

A very big thank you goes out to Ted and Jill Winters for hosting the competition at beautiful Boulder Valley Elk Ranch and to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it a truly first-class event. The turnout was fantastic with many more participants, members, new members and friends than we had anticipated. A grand time was had by all as antlers from around the nation were entered, judged and scored. We were very pleased with the large number of antlers entered in the competition, this being just our first year! Imagine what the future holds for TUEFA with a first annual antler competition and convention that turned out as great as this one did.

The banquet/BBQ held on Saturday night was outstanding and everyone enjoyed socializing with many old friends as well as the new members we have welcomed to TUEFA. The auction was full of tantalizing opportunities for hunts and over night stays at various locations as well as items donated by many, many TUEFA supporters. We thank everyone who donated items and all of you who bid on and purchased the merchandise. The money raised at the auction means more than to us than support in the obvious ways. It shows us how much faith you, our members have in TUEFA and our objectives and goals and how much you care about TUEFA's continued success!.

So from the TUEFA board, we say thank you to everyone who came and was a part of this outstanding event. We are already talking about next years competition and what the upcoming year holds for us as we grow and promote the elk industry like never before!.

Again, thank you,
The TUEFA board of directors