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A male elk surveys his winter domain, the 24,700-acre National Elk Refuge near Jackson, Wyoming.  
PHOTO: CHARLIE HAMILTON JAMES

**On the Cover** The central painting—a bird's-eye view of Yellowstone from the north—was created for the National Park Service by noted Austrian panoramist Heinrich Berann (1915-1999). *Art by Jordan Metcalf*

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