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Resides: Gardiner, Montana
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Bedded Stag

Bull elk

Bronze, 13 x 17 x 12

Tensions run high as bull elk compete for autumn breeding rights to females in Mammoth Springs, Yellowstone Park. Mammoth's tranquil, manicured lawns transform into a scene of reverberating elk bugles, fascinated, sometimes fleeing tourists, patrolling rangers, sprinting cow elk, massive bulls locked in combat, gored automobiles and signs stating, "Danger: Do Not Approach Wildlife." Amid the activity, and equally captivating, is the serenity within. Sculpted entirely from life, I sought to capture this relaxed bull as he basked in the mid-morning sunlight, eyes closed, head balanced against the weight of his rack, in the quiet company of his resting harem.