

**CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
See unit description Unit 032**



LOCATION: Unit 032 is located northwest of the town of Winnemucca in Humboldt County. The unit is bounded on the north by the Oregon state line, on the east by State Route 140/291, the south by Unit 034, and the west by the Sheldon Refuge boundary.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from a high of 9,458 feet at Duffer Peak in the Pine Forest Range to 4,000 feet along the Black Rock Desert or the base of the Pine Forest Range.

TERRAIN: The Pine Forest Range runs north and south with steep canyons draining onto the flats. The valley floors have some agricultural development.

VEGETATION: The majority of the basins and slopes are covered with sagebrush to the 6,500-foot elevation. Above 6,500 feet, sites are typically characterized by aspen in the drainages, islands of mahogany, dense stands of brush and grass. There are some limber pine stands at the higher elevations around Duffer Peak.

LAND STATUS: Approximately 85% of the unit is public lands. The majority of private lands are associated with agriculture or mining.

HUNTER ACCESS: From Winnemucca, travel north on Highway 95 and west on Highway 140. Primary and secondary road access is relatively good. Four-wheel drive (high clearance) vehicles are recommended to access most of the unit for hunting purposes. The Blue Lakes Wilderness Study Area occupies 24,000 acres of the Duffer Peak area and is **closed** to all motorized vehicles. Access on some roads may be restricted to private property closures.

MAP REFERENCES: U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps: 1:100,000 scale - **Denio**. There are numerous 7.5-minute scale topographic maps of the area as well. Topo maps are sold in Reno at the Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology at 784-6691 and Mark, Fore & Strike at 322-9559. Additional information and maps can be obtained from the Winnemucca Bureau of Land Management, 705 East 4th Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445 (702) 623-1500. The DeLorme Nevada Atlas and Gazetteer is available at most book or sporting goods stores, or by calling them direct at 1-800-452-5931. Link to Map Resources.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Winnemucca provides gas, food, lodging, and emergency medical services. Denio offers food, gas, lodging, some dry goods, and refrigerated cold storage for deer or other big game. No developed campgrounds are located in this unit. However, undeveloped campsites are available throughout the unit.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN: The unit has numerous opportunities for hunting bighorn. The Mahogany Mountain, Bishop Peak, and Black Mountain areas of the Pine Forest all support huntable populations. Also, McGee Mountain and the Nevada portion of the Pueblo Mountains have viable bighorn populations.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Bighorn sheep hunting can be very difficult. Therefore, it is recommended that the hunter be familiar with the hunt unit, be physically prepared, and have all equipment associated with the hunt in good working order. Creek fishing is available, but check the regulations for open waters.