

# CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET

## See unit description Unit 034



**LOCATION:** This unit is located northwest of the town of Winnemucca. The unit is bounded on the north by the Leonard Creek - Knotted Creek - Summit Lake - Idaho Canyon Road, is bounded on the east by Units 031 and 035, the south by Unit 041, and on the west by Unit 012.

**ELEVATION:** Elevations range from 8,600' at the top of the Black Rock Range to 3,848' at the lowest portion of the Black Rock Desert.

**TERRAIN:** The Black Rock Range is the main mountain range in the unit and runs in a north/south direction. The side canyons are steep, rugged and drain into the valley floor or basins surrounding the mountain. The majority of the basin is comprised of the Black Rock Desert.

**VEGETATION:** The desert floor has no vegetation or is sparsely vegetated with salt shrubs. The foothill country to the 6,500-foot elevation is dominated by sagebrush. Above 6,500', sites typically have aspen in the drainages, islands of mahogany, and shrubs and grasses.

**LAND STATUS:** Approximately 85% of the unit is public lands. The balance is private lands associated with agriculture or mining. The Summit Lake Indian reservation is located in the northwest portion of the unit and is closed to hunting and fishing.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** Within the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA) signed into law 12/21/2000, there are a number of newly created Wilderness Areas. No motorized or mechanical vehicles or equipment are allowed inside these areas. Please refer to the NDOW or BLM websites for maps, fact sheets and other information. Unit 034 is affected in that the Pahute Peak area south to Harden City is now a wilderness area. Another wilderness area, the North Black Rock Wilderness Area, involves that country from the Slumgullion drainage north to Coleman Creek and east into the headwaters of Battle Creek. Access to the headwaters of Snow Creek, Coleman and Battle Creek is restricted from the top of Summit Lake Mountain. The access through Battle Creek Basin, Mahogany Creek, Summer Camp Creek and Dry Lake is open and not influenced by the wilderness area.

**MAP REFERENCES:** U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps: 1:100,000 scale - **Denio, High Rock Canyon, and Jackson Mountain**. 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. For additional information and map orders write to 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 and Gerlach offer gas, food, lodging, and some grocery products. Denio offers refrigerated cold storage for deer and other big game. No developed campgrounds are located in the area. Good campsites are available throughout the unit.

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP:** The Paiute Peak escarpment along its west rim, Bartlett Peak and the Center/Crane Creek rims are the primary use areas.

**SPECIAL COMMENTS:** Bighorn sheep hunting can be very difficult. It is recommended that the hunter become familiar with the hunt unit, be physically prepared and have all equipment associated with the hunt in good working order. Mahogany, Summer Camp and Snow Creeks are closed to fishing. You should check the fishing regulations for other fishing opportunities.