

# CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET

See unit description Unit 035



**LOCATION:** Unit 035 is located in Humboldt County north and northwest of the town of Winnemucca. The unit is bounded on the north by Unit 031, the east by Unit 051, the south by Units 044 and 042, and on the west by Units 034 and 032.

**ELEVATION:** Elevations range from 8,900 feet at the top of the Jackson Mountains to 4,100 ' along the valley floor.

**TERRAIN:** The Jackson Mountains run from north to south and are very rugged with steep canyons. The Black Rock Desert and Desert Valley surround the majority of the Jackson Mountains. The Bloody Run Hills, on the extreme eastern end of the unit, is another north/south range that offers some limited deer hunting opportunities. That range, particularly the south end, is very steep and rugged.

**VEGETATION:** The majority of the basins and slopes to the 6,500-foot elevation are dominated by sagebrush. The Jackson Mountains above 6,500 ' typically have aspen in the drainages, islands of mahogany, and a considerable amount of juniper covering the slopes. The Bloody Run Range is dominated primarily of sagebrush.

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

**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 035 is affected in that the south Jackson Mountain (King Lear Peak area) and the north Jackson Mountain (Parrot Peak area) are now wilderness areas. The Jackson Creek-Trout Creek road is still open for access. The Iron King, Bottle Creek, and Trout Creek Spur areas outside the wilderness areas are not subject to access restrictions.

**MAP REFERENCES:** U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps: 1:100,000 scale - **Jackson Mountains and Osgood Mountains**. 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 or maps 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 offers gas, food, lodging, and some dry goods. Refrigerated meat storage for deer and other big game species is available in Denio.

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREA FOR BIGHORN:** The bighorn hunting opportunities are confined to the Jacksons Mountains at this time. The King Lear Peak, Parrot Peak, and Deer Creek areas support the majority of the 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.