

Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



MULE DEER **Units 111, 112, 113**

LOCATION: Eastern White Pine County - Schell Creek, Antelope, and Kern Mountain Ranges. Please see unit descriptions in the **Nevada Hunt Book**.

ELEVATION: From 5,600' in Spring Valley to 11,900' in the Schell Creek Range.

TERRAIN: Gentle to extremely difficult.

VEGETATION: Ranges from salt-desert shrub on some valley floors through sage and mtn. brush, pinyon / juniper, mtn. mahogany and aspen types at mid elevations to aspen/ fir / spruce/limber pine/bristlecone pine at higher elevations. Mountainous areas consist of roughly equal parts brush and forest types, however pinyon and juniper dominates many areas between 6,500' and 8,000'. Aspen is very limited in Unit 112.

LAND STATUS: The vast majority of deer habitat is public land administered by either the BLM Ely Field Office or the Ely Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (USFS). Most private land is located on valley bottoms and benches. The Goshute Indian Reservation is located in Unit 113. Hunting on tribal lands is regulated through a separate permit system. Access to tribal lands requires tribal permission.

HUNTER ACCESS: Good to Excellent unless adverse weather conditions occur. Motorized access is limited by terrain and existing roads. Some road closures in Unit 111 (Duck Creek Basin) due to proliferation of new roads in recent years. Private lands do not restrict access to hunting areas except for parts of McDonald Canyon and Muncy Creek in Unit 111. Use of ATVs is increasing throughout the unit-group and especially in Unit 111.

MAP REFERENCES: USGS (1:100,000 scale) topographic and land status maps – **Ely, Kern Mountains, Currie**. USGS 1:250,000 scale maps – **Elko, Ely**. Vendors include Sportsworld-Ely, The Map House-Elko and Mercury Blue-Print-Las Vegas. Maps are also available from BLM and USFS offices in Ely.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Most services are available in Ely with limited services found on Hwy. 93 at Schellbourne and Lages Station. Public campgrounds exist at Cave Lake State Park, at Timber Creek and East Creek on Forest Service lands in Duck Creek Basin of Unit 111, and at Cleve Creek in Unit 111 on BLM land. Primitive camping is allowed throughout the unit group on public lands. See restrictions regarding camping near a water source. (NRS 503.660).

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS: Unit 111 has the majority of the deer in this unit group followed by Units 113 and 112. Some hunter congestion should be expected in Unit 111 with the coinciding cow elk hunt; however deer quotas are a fraction of those experienced in the 1980s. Good hunting can be found between roads and in roadless blocks. Mature bucks are harvested in all units. High buck-to-doe ratios occur in Units 112, 113 and on the east side of 111. Deer can be found in mtn. mahogany, aspen, white fir and limber pine habitat types, especially during the warmer early seasons.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: During warm weather, deer will spend much of the day in thick cover and feed in the open mainly at night. Deer will spend more time in the open at higher elevations. Most deer are located between elevations of 7,500' and 10,500'.