

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
See the unit descriptions Unit 061, Unit 071

LOCATION: Elk unit group 061, 071 is located in northeastern Nevada. This area is located in northern Elko County.

ELEVATION: During the hunting season, most elk are found at elevations between 5,500 and 9,000 feet.

TERRAIN: A wide range of topography exists in the area ranging from gentle rolling hills to extremely steep canyon country.

VEGETATION: Vegetation types include sagebrush, mountain brush, aspen, Subalpine Fir and mahogany.

LAND STATUS: Most of the elk reside on public lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service Mountain City Range District. Some private land does exist in the unit group. Hunters should ask permission before entering private lands.

HUNTER ACCESS: Hunter access is excellent under most conditions. Increased ATV trails have made it hard to find large blocks of roadless areas. **Hunters wishing to get away from roads and other hunters should not apply for this unit group.** During unusual years when early snow arrives, it may be necessary to access most of the area from Idaho; via the Roland Road near Grasmere, ID off Idaho State Highway 51 or the road to Jarbidge, NV from Rogerson, ID off U.S. Route 93. Access to the hunt unit from Idaho is not advised under extremely muddy conditions and/ or following significant snow accumulations.

Hunt unit boundaries for this unit group include Duck Valley Indian Reservation and Idaho. It is the responsibility of each hunter to know the unit boundaries as several stretches along Duck Valley Indian Reservation and Idaho are not marked.

MAP REFERENCES: Topographical and land status maps are available from the BLM (Elko District), U.S. Forest Service (Mountain City Ranger District), USGS or private vendors. The USGS 1:100,000 topographical map that covers the area is the Jarbidge Mts. quad. The USFS Jarbidge & Mountain City Ranger Districts map is also a great reference. Other maps at different scales are available.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: The town of Elko provides all major services. Mountain City, Owyhee and Jarbidge provide limited services. Primitive camping is available throughout public lands within the unit. Developed campgrounds exist at Wildhorse Reservoir State Park (Unit 061) and Big Bend Forest Service campground on the unit 061,071 boundary.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR ELK: Areas where elk tend to concentrate during the summer and fall months include Copper Mountain to Bearpaw Mountain (071), Haystack Mtn to Tennessee Mtn (071) and Merritt Mtn to Alder Mtn (061). Hunters are encouraged to look for elk during early morning and late evening hours when they are most active, and to concentrate on areas away from roads with pockets of cover. Aspen and fir stands are preferred by elk. Your odds of harvesting an elk greatly increase by simply hunting one to two ridges away from roads.

LATE SEASON COW & SPIKE HUNT: Winter movements of elk are generally to the north, down the Bruneau River Drainage into Idaho. When snow begins to accumulate, focus on south slopes along the Bruneau River between Coon Creek and Trail Gulch (071), Bearpaw Mountain to Taylor Creek (071), Scott Table (071) and Cat Creek southeast to Big Table (061).

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Road hunting will only diminish your and other hunters' odds of harvesting an elk. Hiking and glassing will greatly increase your odds of success. As hunting pressure increases, elk become more nocturnal. When leaves are still present on trees, patterning elk during early morning and late evening hours will allow time to plan a successful stalk to intercept elk during the following peak of activity as elk move to and from bedding areas. In the winter months, elk tend to congregate in large groups and utilize open habitat types. The unit group provides a diverse array of habitat. Other outdoor activities in the area include stream and reservoir fishing and a variety of upland game hunting. Planning a multi-day hunt will allow adequate time to assess hunting pressure and elk movements. Herd status reports can be found at: http://www.ndow.org/Education/Publications/Big_Game_Status_Book/

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