

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK  
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET  
See the unit descriptions Unit 062, 064, 066-068

**LOCATION:** Elk unit group 062, 064, 066-068 is located in northeastern Nevada. This area includes western Elko County and the northern portions of Lander and Eureka Counties.

**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 Limber Pine.

**LAND STATUS:** Large blocks of BLM and U.S. Forest Service administered public lands are found throughout the unit group. Private lands are common at the base of most mountain ranges. Ask permission before entering private lands.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** Hunter access is excellent except for isolated areas where private land or mining blocks entry. **Hunters wishing to get away from roads and other hunters should not apply for this unit group.** Increased ATV use has led to very few areas more than a mile away from an established road. Jerritt Canyon Mine located in the central portion of the Independence Range is required to allow sportsmen access to USFS administered lands. Hunters wishing to gain access through Jerritt Canyon Mine are required to check in at the main office, which is accessible off State Route 225. Hunters wishing to gain access through the Newmont owned IL Ranch are requested to contact Jeff White at [jeff.white@newmont.com](mailto:jeff.white@newmont.com). Hunters wishing to cross the Petan Ranch to gain access to the YP Desert are requested to call the ranch at 775-756-6512 prior to the start of your hunt or to access the YP Desert via Duck Valley Indian Reservation/ Idaho. It is important to note access through Van Norman Ranch property along McCann Creek south of Tuscarora is no longer open. Hunters wishing to access the central portion of unit 067 must now access the area via the Rock Creek Road near Midas.

It is important for all sportsmen to be respectful of private land. If hunters gain access to hunt or cross private land, remember to abide by the stipulations set by the landowner.

**MAP REFERENCES:** Topographical and land status maps are available from the BLM (Elko District), U.S. Forest Service (Mountain City Ranger District), the USGS store or private vendors. USGS 1:100,000 topographical maps that cover the area include: Battle Mountain, Double Mountain, Tuscarora, Bull Run Mts. and Jarbidge Mts. The USFS Mountain City Ranger District map covers all USFS administered lands in hunt unit 062. Other maps at different scales are also available.

**FACILITIES AND SERVICES:** The towns of Elko, Carlin and Battle Mountain provide most major services. Mountain City and Owyhee provide limited services. Primitive camping is available throughout public lands within the unit. Developed campgrounds exist at Wildhorse Reservoir State Park (062), Jacks Creek (062) and Taylor Canyon (062).

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR ELK:** Areas where elk tend to concentrate during the summer and fall months include the southern portion of the Independence Range, North Independence, Bull Run Mountains, North Tuscarora Range, Snowstorm Mountains and upper elevations of the South Tuscarora Range. 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. Your odds of harvesting an elk greatly increase by hunting one to two ridges away from roads.

**LATE SEASON COW & SPIKE HUNT:** Be prepared for all types of weather including deep snow. As snow accumulates, elk on the northern end of the unit group typically migrate west towards the YP Desert. The majority of elk move to lower elevations along the west side of the North Tuscarora Range and the south end of the Owyhee Desert around the Burner Hills. In recent years very few elk have been observed wintering in unit 068 along the west side of the South Tuscarora Range (north of the Carlin Trend mining area) and Richmond Mountain south to Marys Mountain.

**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. This unit group provides a diverse array of habitats. 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/](http://www.ndow.org/Education/Publications/Big_Game_Status_Book/)

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