LOCATION: Northeastern Elko County. See unit description in big game brochure.

ELEVATION: 4,800’ at Montello to 7,848’ on Delano Peak.

TERRAIN: Variable. Valley bottoms to mountain peaks.

VEGETATION: Sagebrush in lower valley bottoms to mahogany, and juniper at the upper elevations. Some small aspen patches can be found.

LAND STATUS: The majority of land within this unit group is public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

HUNTER ACCESS: There is quite a bit of private land in the creek bottoms in the northeastern portion of the unit. Hunters should check-in with landowners for permission before entering.

MAP REFERENCES: Topographical and land status maps are available from the BLM (Elko), or private vendors. U.S. Geological Survey 1:100,000 topographical map that cover the area are: Jackpot. The U.S. Geological Survey 1:250,000 topographical map that covers the area is: Wells.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: The towns of Jackpot and Wells provide most services. Primitive camping is available throughout public lands within the unit.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR ELK: There are good concentrations of elk between Bluff Creek, Cedar Mtn, and Cedar Mtn Draw. There are also quite a few elk in the Delano Mtns as well (be aware the Delanos are not part of the depredation hunt area). Starting in September there is usually a large group of elk using the area between the private meadows and Deadline ridge. Elk are generally associated with water sources during August and September. Considerable water sources are available within the harvest unit and vary from perennial streams, small springs to artificial water developments. Generally, hunters can develop a fairly good picture of where to start looking by first becoming familiar with a map which identifies various water sources, roads and topographic features.
SPECIAL COMMENTS: Hunters need to be aware that animal distribution can change greatly following summer thunderstorms or snowstorms. Storms are fairly common during September and can quickly change an elk’s use pattern. Hunter activity will also affect elk distribution.

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