

**PRONGHORN ANTELOPE  
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET  
See unit description Unit 011**



**LOCATION:** Unit 011 is located in the very northwest corner of Nevada. The hunt area is bounded on the west by the California - Nevada state line, on the north by the Oregon - Nevada state line, on the south by Highway 8A and on the east by the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

**ELEVATION:** Elevations range from 5,500' on the valley floors to 7,100' at some of the highest peaks.

**TERRAIN:** The terrain is typical of the Great Basin and can best be described as rugged with broken rims, plateaus and small mountain ranges running in a north/south direction. Much of the area is volcanic in origin, making vehicular traffic slow and rough.

**VEGETATION:** Vegetation in this unit varies from juniper, mountain mahogany, aspen, bitterbrush, black sagebrush, big sagebrush, and other mountain brush types in the upper elevations to a salt desert shrub type, characterized by rabbitbrush, fourwing saltbrush and big sagebrush. Antelope in this unit are usually associated with large plateaus or playa areas in which juniper, black sagebrush and various grasses and forbs are the predominant vegetation type.

**LAND STATUS:** The area encompasses approximately 600 square miles of which less than five percent is under private ownership. Hunter access in this area is considered to be good.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** From Alturas and Cedarville, California, access from Highways 299 and 8A. From Gerlach and Reno, Nevada access on Highway 447. Many of the hunting areas, particularly during inclement weather, are accessible only by four-wheel drive vehicles. Carrying extra gas, spare tires and water while hunting.

**MAP REFERENCES:** U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps: 1:100,000 scale which gives a broad overview are as follows: **Vya and High Rock Canyon**. Several 7.5 minute topo maps which provide the best detail are as follows: **Barrel Springs, Little Coleman Canyon, Coleman Canyon, Crooks Meadow, Mosquito Valley, Calcutta Lake, Carter Reservoir, Alkali Lake, Massacre Lake NW, Massacre Lake, Painted Point, Massacre Creek**. Topo maps are sold in Reno at the Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology at 784-6691 and at Mark, Fore & Strike at 322-9559. 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:** There is a small hospital in Cedarville, California. Gas, food, motels and vehicle repair facilities are also available in Cedarville and Gerlach. No developed campsites are available. Tent-type camps are recommended. Hunters typically take advantage of tree cover and or riparian areas adjacent to the area that they are hunting. Trailer or RV-type hunters are confined to the better road systems in the valley floors. In most cases, drinking water must be hauled from the nearest town.

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR ANTELOPE:** Water and forage tend to be the most limiting factor to antelope during the month of August. Antelope can typically be found in most uplands that have these important habitat components. Areas to look include Holy and Crook Lakes on the Vya Rim. The Massacre Bench area east of Vya also provides good hunting. Hunters should concentrate their efforts from Massacre Lake to Sage Hen Spring and east to Fatty Martin Lake.

**SPECIAL COMMENTS:** Many of the roads in this unit are rough and rocky, making travel slow. Antelope numbers in this unit have declined by approximately 80 percent from highs experienced during the late 1980s. However, this unit is still expected to provide the hunter with a quality experience.