

**PRONGHORN ANTELOPE
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
Units 012, 013, 014**



LOCATION: See unit descriptions in the **Nevada Hunt Book**. Units 012, 013 and 014 are located in north central Washoe County. The area is bounded on the west by Highway 447 and the California - Nevada state line, on the north by Highway 8A and on the east by Highway 34 and the Summit Lake Indian Reservation Boundary.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from 4,500 feet in the valley floors to 9,000 feet at Granite Peak in unit 014.

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

VEGETATION: Vegetation in this area varies from mountain mahogany, aspen, juniper, bitterbrush, black sagebrush, big sagebrush and other mountain brush types in the upper elevations to a lower elevation salt desert shrub community characterized by rabbitbrush, fourwing saltbrush and big sagebrush. Antelope in this unit are usually associated with upper elevation plateaus, playas and mountain ranges where forage and water availability is good. Black sagebrush, bitterbrush, big sagebrush and various grasses and forbs will typically dominate these areas.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE: Precipitation in this area comes primarily in the form of snowfall during the months of November through March. Amounts of precipitation range from 10 inches in the valley floors to 20 inches at the highest peaks. Weather during the August antelope season is typically dry and hot, with temperatures ranging from the low 40s to the high 80s. However, early season storm fronts can bring unexpected rain or snow.

LAND STATUS: The hunt area encompasses approximately 1,600 square miles, of which less than five percent is private. Fortynine Mountain represents the only large piece of private property that is off limits to hunters in this area. Overall access is considered to be good.

HUNTER ACCESS: Travel north from Gerlach and Reno, Nevada, on Highways 447 and 34. From Alturas and Cedarville, California, go south on Highways 299 and 8A. **Note:** Please be aware that Unit 012 is in a wilderness area. Motorized equipment, mechanized transport, including wheeled game carriers and chainsaws, are prohibited in wilderness areas. Contact the Federal Management Agency responsible for this area for more information.

MAP REFERENCES: U.S. Geological Survey 1:100,000 scale metric topographic maps which give a broad overview are as follows: **Gerlach and High Rock Canyon**. There are many 7.5-minute quadrangles that provide the most detailed topography. 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.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: There is a small hospital in Cedarville, California. Gas, food, vehicle repair facilities, and motels are located in Cedarville and Gerlach. There are no developed campgrounds. Tent-type camps are recommended. Hunters typically camp near tree cover and/or riparian areas adjacent to the area that they are hunting. Trailer or RV-type hunters are confined to better road systems in the valley floors and are required to travel further each day to reach their hunt area. In most cases, drinking water must be hauled from home or 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. Most uplands which provide these habitat components will have antelope associated with them. Areas to look in Unit 012: Donnelly Creek, Willow Creek, Black Buttes to Buck Spring, Grassy Canyon, and Mahogany Mountain. In Unit 013, the Table Lakes, Boulder Flat, toe slopes of Boulder Mountain, Cherry Mountain East to include Clover Creek, Cottonwood Creek and Jim's Creek. In Unit 014, toe slopes of Fox Mountain, Lone Juniper Spring, Crutcher Canyon, Rocky Basin, east side of Wagon Tire Mountain, Cottonwood Creek and all three forks of Negro Creek.

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 40 percent from highs experienced during the late 1980s. However, this unit is still expected of provide the hunter with a quality experience.