

**CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
See unit description Unit 014**



LOCATION: Area 014 is located just north of the town of Gerlach, Nevada. It is bounded on the south and west by Highway 447, on the east by Highway 34 and on the north by the Lost Creek - Grass Valley Road.

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ELEVATION: Elevations vary from 4,000' at the valley floors to 9,000' at Granite Peak.

TERRAIN: This unit encompasses a single ridge mountain range, which runs in a north-south direction. The southern half of the range is composed of rugged canyons and rims which give way to large rough plateaus and rolling mountains to the north.

VEGETATION: Bighorn sheep reside primarily in the southern half of this unit. Vegetation in this area is characterized by big sagebrush, juniper, mountain mahogany and other mountain brush species. Aspen is more common in this unit. It is found along the eastern slopes of the range in association with perennial streams and spring sources.

LAND STATUS: This unit encompasses approximately 400 square miles of which less than five percent is private.

HUNTER ACCESS: From Alturas or Cedarville, California, go south on Highway 447. From Reno or Gerlach, go north Highway 447. Roads in this unit range from high standard dirt like Highway 34 to small jeep trails. Many of the hunting areas, particularly during inclement weather, are accessible only by four-wheel drive. Carry extra gas, spare tires, tire chains and water.

MAP REFERENCES: U.S. Geological Survey 1:100,000 scale metric topographic maps which give a broad overview are as follows: Gerlach and Highrock Canyon. Several 7.5 minute topo maps which provide the best detail are as follows: Fox Mountain, Leadville, Crutcher Canyon, Melody Mountain, Squaw Valley, The Banjo, Hualapai Flat - North, and Hualapai Flat - South. Topo maps are sold in Reno at the Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology at 784-6691 and at Mark, Fore & Strike at 322-9559. In Carson City, topo maps are available through the Nevada Department of Transportation at 687-3449. 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: Hospitals are located in Cedarville and Reno. Gas, food, vehicle repair facilities, and motels are located in Cedarville and Gerlach. There are no developed campgrounds. Hunters typically camp near tree cover and or riparian areas adjacent to the area that they are hunting. Tent-type camps are recommended. Trailer or RV-type hunters are confined to the better road systems in the valley floors and are required to travel further each day to reach their hunt areas. In most cases, drinking water must be hauled from the nearest town.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: California bighorn are found almost entirely within the southern portion of the Granite Range. Areas to look include both the east and west sides of Granite Peak North and Granite Peak South. Ram groups also frequent much of the country from Granite Peak South to the Tanks. When disturbed, these sheep will drop off the top of the mountain on the west face of the range.