

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
Units 078, 104 (northern portion) & 105 - 107**

LOCATION: Wood Hills, Dolly Varden Range, Goshute Mountains, Spruce Mountain, Spruce Mountain Ridge, south Pequop Mountains, Valley Mountain, and Lone Butte, south central Elko County, east of Elko and south of Wells. See unit description in big game brochure.

ELEVATION: Elevations from ~ 5,500' (1700m) up to 10,262' (3128m) Spruce Mountain Peak.

TERRAIN: Terrain in the highest elevations is mostly rocky and steep. Long steep timber lined chutes line the south end of Spruce Mountain with rolling hills in the intermediate elevations leading to mostly flat valley bottoms.

VEGETATION: Dense stands of conifers exist at upper elevations and on north slopes, mahogany pockets with sagebrush and grass covered slopes at mid elevations, dense pinyon-juniper with little understory at lower elevations, and sagebrush flats in the valley bottoms.

LAND STATUS: The majority of the land in all of these units is managed by the BLM.

HUNTER ACCESS: There are many access roads into all units. The top of Spruce Mountain can be accessed from the east or west side of the mountain. Additionally, several roads access the south end of the unit 105 and low lying hills that are found in and around the south end of Spruce Mountain and the south Pequops. Units 078, 105, 106, and 107 are mostly public and all have good access.

MAP REFERENCES: Topographical and land status maps are available from the BLM (Elko) or private vendors. U.S. Geological Survey **1:100,000** maps that cover these units include: **Elko, Ruby Lake, Wendover, Wells, and Currie**. U.S. Geological Survey **1:250,000** map that covers most of the area is **Elko**.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Towns of Wendover, Wells, and Elko provide all services. Primitive camping is available on all accessible public lands throughout the units. The towns of Currie and Lages Station also offer limited services.

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RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS: The elk in this area have demonstrated an ability to use a number of different areas and habitat types. However, the one factor that remains constant is the animal's dependency on water. The south end of Spruce Mountain has been a preferred area of use by this herd and any hunting efforts in this area should consider the availability and location of water. It should also be recognized that weather extremes or rapid changes in conditions could result in sudden changes in the elk's use patterns.