

Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET Unit 101

LOCATION: East Humboldt Mountains, central Elko County, east of Elko and southwest of Wells. See unit description.

ELEVATION: Elevations up to 11,302' (3445m) Hole in the Mountain Peak and many peaks exceeding 10,000'.

TERRAIN: Terrain in the higher elevations can be exceptionally rocky, steep, and unforgiving. High sheer cliffs typically back the east side's mountain meadows and cirques. The west side possesses more gradual slopes but can still be difficult to navigate.

VEGETATION: Vegetation is sparse in most of the higher elevations due to the abundance of rock. Limber pines are scattered through many of the basins while grasses and prostrate shrubs are found on higher and steeper slopes.

LAND STATUS: The majority of the land at high elevations in Unit 101 is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. However, a checkerboard mix of private and public lands, as well as large blocks of private land exist around most of the unit.

HUNTER ACCESS: Although the U.S. Forest Service manages the majority of land in Unit 101, access points are limited. While there is some public access from the east side of the mountain, public access from the south, west and north is extremely limited. Weeks access and Angel Lake Road provide access to good sheep habitat on the east side of the mountain. From the south, a 3.5-mile horse trail leads northeast towards the Boulder Creek drainages. The only access roads from the north and west sides of the range are through private lands. However, some landowners, once contacted, may grant trespass permission. **Note:** Please be aware that sections of this unit are 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: Topographical and land status maps are available from the BLM (Elko) or private vendors. U.S. Geological Survey **1:100,000** maps that cover unit 101 include: **Double Mountain** and **Elko**. U.S. Geological Survey **1:250,000** maps that cover unit 101 include: **Wells** and **Elko**.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Towns of Wells and Elko provide all services. Primitive camping is available on all accessible public lands throughout the unit and two developed campgrounds exist on the northeast side of unit 101 near Wells. Angel Lake and Angel Creek Campgrounds are both managed by the U.S. Forest Service and are operated on a first-come-first-served basis.

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RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS: Bighorn sheep live high in the rocks, on high elevation mountain meadows, and are often found in close association with snow banks and the waters they generate. The high mountain meadows of this magnificent mountain range contains the greatest amount of suitable sheep habitat, from Humboldt Peak in the south to Grey's Peak in the north and every high elevation grassy slope in between.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: The rugged terrain, extreme elevations, and unpredictable weather can make pursuit of the bighorn sheep a very challenging and physically demanding hunt. Seemingly simple tasks like animal retrieval and removal can become monumental chores. Please consider such things to avoid endangering your life or wasting the animal.