

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
See unit description Unit 102**

LOCATION: Ruby Mountains, central Elko County, southeast of Elko and southwest of Wells.

ELEVATION: Elevations up to 11,387' Ruby Dome with 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 102 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 102, access points are limited. While there is good public access from the east side of the mountain, public access from the south, west and north is extremely limited. 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.

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 102 include: **Elko** and **Ruby Lake**. U.S. Geological Survey **1:250,000** maps that cover unit 102 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 a developed campground exists on the west side of Unit 102, Thomas Canyon (USFS).

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS: Mountain goats live high in the rocks, on high sheer cliffs, and are often found in close association with snow banks and the waters and sub-alpine meadows they generate. The upper elevations of this magnificent mountain range contain the greatest amount of suitable mountain goat habitat, from King Peak in the south to Old Man of the Mountain Peak in the north and most of the high elevation ridgelines in between.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: The rugged terrain, extreme elevations, unpredictable weather, and size of these animals (up to 350 lbs.) can make pursuit of the mountain goat one of the most challenging and physically demanding hunts anywhere. 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. Unsuccessful hunters must return their tag within five days of the close of the season, while successful hunters must comply with a mandatory goat check-in within five days of the harvest date.