

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT  
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET  
See unit description Unit 103**

**LOCATION:** Southern Ruby Mountains, southern Elko County, northern White Pine County, southeast of Elko, northwest of Eureka, and southwest of Wells..

**ELEVATION:** Elevations up to 10,847' Pearl Peak.

**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 103 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 some of the unit.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** While there is good public access from the west side of the mountain at Mitchell Creek, public access from the east and north is limited.

**MAP REFERENCES:** Topographical and land status maps are available from the BLM (Elko) or private vendors. The U.S. Geological Survey **1:100,000** map that covers Unit 103 includes: **Ruby Lake**. The U.S. Geological Survey **1:250,000** map that covers Unit 103 includes: **Elko**.

**FACILITIES AND SERVICES:** The town of Elko provides all services. Primitive camping is available on all accessible public lands throughout the unit and a developed campground exists on the east side of unit 103, Ruby Lake (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 range contain the greatest amount of suitable mountain goat habitat. This is a new pioneering population of goats that has settled mainly in and around the Pearl Peak area.

**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.