

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET

See unit descriptions Unit 182, Unit 044



LOCATION: The main part of sheep hunting is the north and east slopes of the Stillwater Range and southern East Range in Churchill and Pershing counties.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from the flat of Dixie Valley at 3411 feet to the top of Jobs Peak at 8787 feet. Recommended hunting areas range from 4100 to 8000 feet.

TERRAIN: Areas where the sheep can be found are typified by precipitous terrain along the north-eastern half of the Stillwater Range.

VEGETATION: The area is principally represented by the classic Great Basin habitat, consisting of high desert shrub and piñon-juniper forests.

LAND STATUS: The sheep hunting area is on public land administered by the Carson District of the BLM.

HUNTER ACCESS: Hunter access to the hunt areas is through Dixie Valley and is approximately a two-hour drive from Fallon. Hunter access to the range is limited with only a few roads into the hunting area. Hiking will be the primary means of accessing sheep habitat.

MAP REFERENCES: Topographic maps are highly recommended. The **Carson Sink, Fish Creek Mountains, and Edwards Creek Valley** 1:100,000 scale series covers both of the hunt units. Topographic Maps are sold in Reno at the Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology at 784-6691 and Mark Four and Strike at 322-9559. You may also contact Geological Services at 358-0923. In Fallon topo maps are available at Jeff's Office Supply at 423-6078 or for long distance calls at 1-800-548-3337. 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: The city of Fallon has gas, food, lodging, vehicle repair facilities and hospitals. Dispersed camping is allowed on BLM administered land. Some services are intermittently available are available at Middlegate and Cold Springs.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: Areas to start looking for bighorn sheep are Wood Canyon, Cottonwood Canyon, Hare Canyon, Mississippi Canyon, White Rock Canyon, North Cottonwood Canyon, and the Root Spring Area of Unit 044.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Hunters should be prepared for a physically demanding hunt. The area is steep and rocky. Hunters should have adequate clothing as the weather can turn bad in a short period of time. Hunting effort usually begins at lower elevations off of the valley floor. Hiking will be the main means of access to the precipitous sheep habitat.