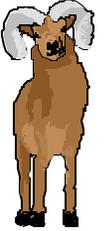


DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET

See unit description **Unit 184**



LOCATION: The hunt unit is located in eastern Churchill County. Bighorns are primarily found on the western slopes of the Desatoya Range.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from Eastgate at 5100 feet to the top of Desatoya Peak at 9971 feet. Recommended hunting areas range from 5100 to 9000 feet

TERRAIN: The areas where the sheep are found is typified by rock outcroppings and precipitous terrain along the western exposures of the Desatoya Range, and in the areas of Eastgate, Grayback, and the Broken Hills.

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 near Eastgate and is approximately a one and one-half hour drive from Fallon to the range and 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 Fallon, **Edwards Creek Valley and Smith Creek Valley** 1:100,000 scale series covers the entire hunt unit. 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 intermittent at Middlegate and Cold Springs.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: Areas to start looking for bighorn sheep are Big Den Creek, Little Den Creek, Desatoya Peak, Carroll Summit, Eastgate, Grayback, and the Broken Hills area.

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 off of four-wheel drive dirt roads. Hiking will be the main means of accessing sheep habitat.