

MULE DEER HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET

See unit descriptions **Unit 195**



LOCATION: This unit is bordered on the north by I-80, on the east by Highway 95A, on the south by Highway 50 and on the west by Highway 395.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from 4,200 feet at the Truckee River to Mount Davidson's 7,856-foot summit.

TERRAIN: Much of the Virginia Range rises abruptly from valleys to the south, west and east and from the Truckee River canyon on the north. The canyon bottom is defined by an agricultural/riparian strip ranging from a few hundred yards to a mile in width. At the higher elevations, the terrain becomes gentler, but the roads remain rough.

VEGETATION: The majority of the Virginia Range is high desert brushland. Where a tree canopy exists, the dominant species are piñon and juniper. Some pockets of aspen and Jeffrey pine occur on the western edge of the unit. Other than the Truckee River, this unit has only two extensive riparian systems.

LAND STATUS: The Virginia Range is predominantly private lands, with BLM holdings in a checkerboard pattern in the eastern portion of the unit, where deer are scarce, and in the southwestern portion of the unit, where migratory deer are more common during the general season. The principle landowner - ASAMERA Company, with 100,000 acres - does not allow access to its lands. Contact the Storey County Assessor's office to inquire about land ownership.

HUNTER ACCESS: The Virginia Range is laced with roads and four-wheel drive trails. The main highway access is State Route 341.

MAP REFERENCES: The **Reno and Carson City** 1:100,000 scale U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps cover the entire unit. These maps also come in land status format. In addition, there are numerous 7.5-minute scale topographic maps of the area. These are available in northern Nevada at the Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology at (775) 784-6691, Mark, Fore & Strike at (775) 322-9559, and U.S. Geological Services at (775) 358-0923. 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: Cities of Carson City and Reno are nearby and offer all facilities and services. Virginia City offers food and tourist services. There are no public campgrounds within this unit.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR MULE DEER: Archers and muzzleloaders should contact landowners along the Truckee River to hunt deer during their hunt periods. Otherwise, they should concentrate upon Long Valley Creek and/or Six Mile Canyon, both of which are mostly private lands. These areas are also good during the general season, but the most productive area is the ridgeline from Geiger Grade southeast to Duck Hill, north of Carson City.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Truckee River farmers are often willing to grant access to hunters in order to alleviate deer depredation problems. Make certain that you do not shoot toward urban/suburban dwellings during the hunt.