

**PRONGHORN ANTELOPE
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
Units 202, 204**



LOCATION: See unit descriptions in the **Nevada Hunt Book**. This unit is bordered on the north by Highway 208 in Smith Valley and the Mineral County line, on the east by Highway 95 to Hawthorne, then Highway 359 to the California border, on the south by the California state line and on the west by Highway 338 to Wellington.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from the Walker River at 5,400 feet to Mount Grant's 11,240 feet summit. Recommended hunting areas range from 6,100 to 8,800 feet.

TERRAIN: Features include the broad expanse of Ninemile Flat to the relatively gentle mountains of Beauty Peak and Aurora Peak. Antelope may be found in the steeper canyon country associated with the East Walker River.

VEGETATION: Low sage typically dominates the terrain occupied by pronghorns. In between the high elevation sagebrush zone and Ninemile Flat is a piñon forest.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE: Weather conditions are typically mild for the opening week of the general season. However, be prepared for inclement weather. The Sierra Nevada Range influences weather in the western part of the area.

LAND STATUS: The majority of the land in this area is managed either by the Carson District of the Bureau of Land Management at (775) 882-1631 or the Bridgeport Ranger District of the Toiyabe National Forest at (530) 932-7070. The Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plant (HWAAP) administers a portion of the Wassuk Range.

HUNTER ACCESS: Access to Ninemile Flat is achieved by graded, graveled roads connected to Highway 208 south of Yerington, Highway 359 south of Hawthorne, and Highway 338 near Sweetwater. The Bodie Road is also a graded graveled road that exits the southern portion of Ninemile Flat. Several unimproved roads and trails provide good access throughout that portion of the unit group occupied by pronghorn.

MAP REFERENCES: The Bridgeport Ranger District has good maps of the area. Topographic maps are most highly recommended. The 1:100,000 scale series covers a great deal of land. For greater detail in specific areas, there are numerous 7.5-minute scale topographic maps available. Check the recommended areas below, then examine a U.S. Geological Survey map index to determine which maps to buy. Topo maps are sold in Reno 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.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: The cities of Yerington, Hawthorne, and Bridgeport, California are the closest towns with services. There are no public campgrounds in this unit group. Dispersed camping is allowed on BLM and USFS lands, but check with their offices about campfire regulations.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR ANTELOPE: This area serves as autumn/winter range to an interstate migratory herd called the Bodie-Wassuk herd. The season dates have been adjusted to exploit the timing of the migration. Areas to hunt include the Bald/Beauty Peak area on the California border and Ninemile Flat to the northeast.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: The Bodie-Wassuk antelope herd inhabits this area. It is a small herd that occupies a summer range on the Bodie Hills, primarily in California. In September, these animals begin to migrate to winter range on Ninemile Flat. The late season is designed to allow more time for the animals to disperse from summer range. Hunters are cautioned to be familiar with the location of the state line near Beauty Peak.