

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET

See unit descriptions Unit 202



LOCATION: The main part of this sheep hunting area is the east face of Mount Grant, which is located in the center of the Wassuk Range.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from Walker Lake at 4,000 feet to Mount Grant's 11,240 feet summit. Recommended hunting areas range from 6,100 to 8,800 feet.

TERRAIN: The areas where the sheep are found in typified by precipitous slopes along the east face.

VEGETATION: The area is principally represented by classic Great Basin habitat, consisting of high desert brushlands and piñon-juniper forests. Some higher elevation areas have other species of pine, but it is not a major component of the habitat. The piñon-juniper canopy can be fairly tight in many areas, but otherwise, vistas are fairly open. There are some aspen stands dispersed throughout 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 (775) 882-1631 or the Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plant (HWAAP).

HUNTER ACCESS: Access to the hunting area is within a short drive from Hawthorne. In order to access the hunting area, permission to enter needs to be obtained from the HWAAP security office (775) 945-7601).

MAP REFERENCES: Topographic maps are most highly recommended. The **Walker Lake** 1:100,000 scale series covers all of this hunt area. For greater detail in specific areas, there are several 7.5-minute scale topographic maps available. 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. [Link to Map Resources.](#)

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: The City of Hawthorne has all necessary accommodations including health care. There are no public campgrounds in this unit. Dispersed camping is allowed on BLM and HWAAP lands, but check with their offices about camping regulations.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: Employees at the security office for HWAAP can offer advise on where the animals are at a given time. Their personnel are in the area almost daily.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Be prepared for a physically demanding hunt. The area is extremely steep and rocky. Insure that you have adequate clothing as the weather can turn bad in a short period of time. Four-wheel drive equipment can be useful; however, most of the hunting effort will begin from lower elevations off of well-maintained roads. Hiking will be the primary means of accessing sheep habitat.