

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET

See unit descriptions **Unit 206**



LOCATION: The main part of this sheep hunting area is the south and east slopes of the Excelsior Range.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from the flat of Sodaville at 4,920 feet to the peak of Mount Moho at 8,805 feet. Recommended hunting areas range from 5,500 to 8,000 feet.

TERRAIN: The areas where the sheep are found is typified by precipitous slopes along the south and east exposure of the Excelsior Range.

VEGETATION: The area is principally represented by classic Great Basin habitat, consisting of high desert brushland and piñon-juniper forests. The piñon-juniper canopy can be fairly tight in many areas, but otherwise, vistas are fairly open. There are few natural riparian sources in addition to some artificial water sources in the area.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE: Weather conditions can be mild to stormy during the hunt period. It is wise to be prepared for inclement weather. Weather in this area is influenced by Pacific weather patterns coming inland through Central and Northern California.

LAND STATUS: The sheep hunting areas in this unit are on public land administered by the Carson District of the BLM.

HUNTER ACCESS: Access to the hunting area is near Mina and within a one-half hour drive from Hawthorne. The hunting area is on public land managed by the Carson BLM District.

MAP REFERENCES: Topographic maps are most highly recommended. The **Excelsior** 1:100,000 scale series covers all of this hunt area. For greater detail in specific areas, there are several 7.5-minute scale and topographic maps available. Topographic 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.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: The main area to start looking would be between Moho Mountain and the Silver Dyke Canyon area. To get to this area drive south of Mina about six miles on Hwy. 95. Look for the access road off of the west side of the highway.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Be prepared for a physically demanding hunt. The area is 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.