

HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
DESERT BIGHORN
Unit 262

LOCATION: Unit 262 is situated in western Clark County and southern Nye County, and comprises the Spring Mountains and Bird Spring Range.

ELEVATION: In areas frequented by bighorn sheep in the Spring Mountains, elevations range from 3,280' to 8,510' atop Potosi Mountain. In the adjacent Bird Spring Range, elevations range from 3,280' to 5,673'.

TERRAIN: Topographic features vary from rolling hills in the Bird Spring Range to sheer, vertical cliffs on the Red Rock escarpment.

VEGETATION: Within the limits of sheep distribution on the Spring Mountains, vegetative types range from creosote bush scrub (also in the Bird Spring Range) at lower elevations to pinion-juniper woodland and fir-pine forest at the higher elevations.

LAND STATUS: The majority of the area that offers opportunities to hunt bighorn sheep is administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District.

HUNTER ACCESS: Due to proximity to Las Vegas and Pahrump, adequate access exists throughout much of the Spring Mountains and the Bird Spring Range. **Note:** Please be aware that sections of this unit are in a wilderness area. Motorized equipment, mechanized transport, including wheeled game carriers and chainsaws, are prohibited in wilderness areas. Contact the Federal Management Agency responsible for this area for more information.

MAP REFERENCE: Maps are available for purchase from BLM, or through private vendors such as Mercury Blueprint & Supply Co. (Las Vegas), Desert Outfitters (Las Vegas) or Oakman=s (Reno). At a minimum, hunters should possess the United States Geologic Survey, **Las Vegas** and **Mesquite Lake** 1:100,000-scale topographic maps (30 x 60 minute quadrangle).

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Full services are available in Pahrump and Las Vegas, and some services are available in Sandy Valley. Generally, primitive camping is the rule.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: North of Nevada State Route 160, tagholders generally hunt La Madre Ridge and Brownstone Basin. Further south, hunters may concentrate on a number of areas including: Little Devil Peak, Devil Peak, Shenandoah Peak and the vicinity of Green Monster Mine.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Hunters should contact the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District (702) 647-5000 for information on areas north of Nevada State Route 160 that are closed to hunting.