LOCATION: Western Clark County.

ELEVATION: Within the limits of elk distribution on the Spring Range, elevations range from roughly 5,500' to over 11,000' in the Mt. Charleston Wilderness.

TERRAIN: Topographic features vary from rolling hills to sheer, vertical cliffs.

VEGETATION: Vegetative types include creosote bush scrub and blackbrush scrub at lower elevations, and mountain shrub, pinion-juniper woodland, fir-pine forest, bristlecone pine forest and pseudo-alpine at progressively higher elevations.

LAND STATUS: The Spring Mountain elk population occurs on lands managed by the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

HUNTER ACCESS: Due to proximity to Las Vegas, Pahrump and the small community of Cold Creek, adequate access exists throughout much of the area utilized by elk. Refer to the map listed below for road and access locations. 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 USFS, 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 1:100,000-scale topographic map (30 x 60 minute quadrangle).

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

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR ELK: Most of the elk are distributed in close proximity to Cold Creek.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: The Cold Creek area is attractive to elk because it is well watered, and offers an abundance of grasses and succulent plants.

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