

HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
DESERT BIGHORN
Unit 268

LOCATION: Unit 268 is situated in central Clark County, and comprises the Muddy Mountains, North Muddy Mountains and Gale Hills.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from 1,640' to 5,432' atop Muddy Peak.

TERRAIN: Topographic features vary from rolling hills on the southwestern margin (Gale Hills) of bighorn sheep habitat to the rugged, steep faces of Muddy Peak.

VEGETATION: Vegetation is typical of the Mojave Desert's creosote bush scrub community. Prominent vegetation types within this community include creosote and white bursage.

LAND STATUS: The majority of the area that offers opportunities to hunt bighorn sheep is administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Other areas include Valley of Fire State Park, which is managed by the Nevada Division of State Parks, and a small portion of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area which is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Much of the western portion of the Muddy Mountains is situated within a Wilderness Study Area.

HUNTER ACCESS: Hunter access in the unit may be considered good. **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, **Lake Mead** 1:100,000-scale topographic map (30 x 60 minute quadrangle).

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Full services are available in Henderson and Las Vegas, and many are available in Boulder City. Some services are available at Overton and Echo Bay. Generally, primitive camping is the rule.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: Areas to hunt include Muddy Peak, White Basin, East Longwell Ridge and West Longwell Ridge.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Much of the bighorn sheep habitat in the unit is extremely steep and rocky, and as such, hunting is physically demanding.