

HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
DESERT BIGHORN
Unit 272

LOCATION: Unit 272 is situated in northeastern Clark County, and comprises the Virgin Mountains and the remaining area south that is bounded on the west by the Overton Arm and on the east by the Nevada/Arizona state line (collectively referred to as the Gold Buttes.)

ELEVATION: In the Virgin Mountains, elevations range from 3,280' to over 7,870' on Virgin Peak Ridge. In the Gold Buttes, elevations range from 1,148' at lake level (Lake Mead) to 5,761' atop Jumbo Peak.)

TERRAIN: Topography varies from level expanses and rolling hills between ridges to the extremely rugged and near vertical face of Iceberg Canyon.

VEGETATION: The Virgin Mountains and Gold Buttes contain a diversity of habitat types including creosote bush scrub, desert riparian and pinyon-juniper woodland. Most of the plant communities found in Clark County occur in the unit.

LAND STATUS: The unit offers opportunities to hunt bighorn sheep on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District and the National Park Service, Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Included within the unit are several Wilderness Study Areas.

HUNTER ACCESS: Hunter access varies from poor to very good. Some hunters opt to use boats to learn their area, and to access points which would otherwise be more difficult to reach on foot. 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, **Overton** and **Lake Mead** 1:100,000-scale topographic maps (30 x 60 minute quadrangle). [Link to Map Resources.](#)

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Full services are available in Mesquite and Las Vegas. Some services are available at Temple Bar Marina (AZ). Primitive camping is the rule.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: Areas to hunt include Bitter Ridge, Iceberg Canyon and Indian Hills.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: All bighorn sheep hunters should contact the National Park Service (702) 293-8908 or (702) 293-8905 for information on rules and regulations. Cell phones are recommended, as many areas within the unit are remote.