DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
See unit description Unit 282

LOCATION: Unit 282 comprises the Desert Range, and is situated in northwestern Clark County and extends into southwestern Lincoln County.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from 4,000' to 6,540’ at the highest peak on the north end of the unit.

TERRAIN: Terrain varies from jagged peaks and precipitous outcroppings interspersed with broad washes and high plateaus.

VEGETATION: Vegetative types include blackbrush scrub and creosote bush scrub.

LAND STATUS: The unit lies within the Desert National Wildlife Range and is administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The area is also within the Nellis Air Force Range, and thus is co-administered by the United States Department of Defense.

HUNTER ACCESS: In general, hunter access may be considered fair at best due to a variety of restrictions. Hunters must become familiar with access restrictions enforced by the Air Force and Fish and Wildlife Service.

MAP REFERENCE: Maps are available for purchase from BLM. At a minimum, hunters should possess the United States Geologic Survey, Indian Springs and Pahranagat Range 1:100,000-scale topographic maps (30 x 60 minute quadrangle). Hunters will be informed of roads approved for travel and road closures, as changes can occur from one hunt season to the next. Link to Map Resources.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Full services are available in Las Vegas, and some services are available in Indian Springs. Primitive camping is the rule.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: Areas to hunt include White Sage Gap, Sheep Pass and Surprise Canyon.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: “To apply for hunts on, or gain access to the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR), hunters (and everyone in their hunting party) must comply with all Nevada hunting requirements and then meet the following NTTR requirements:
1) Consent to and pass a criminal background check.
2) Be 14 years of age or older.
3) Attend the Nellis Air Force Base hunter safety briefing if successful in obtaining a tag.

NOTE: It is the hunter’s responsibility to meet and/or comply with all NTTR eligibility requirements. For 2008 there will be no tag refunds for those who do not meet these requirements. In some units there will likely be adjustments to season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations.

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