

Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



PRONGHORN ANTELOPE **Units 032, 034, 035**

LOCATION: See unit descriptions in the **Nevada Hunt Book**. This area is located northwest of the town of Winnemucca. The hunt area is actually a combination of three hunt units in which antelope hunters are allowed to hunt. This hunt area is bounded on the north by the Oregon state line, on the east by Unit 031, the south by Units 046, 044, 042, 041, and the west by Units 012 and the Sheldon Refuge boundary.

ELEVATION: Elevations range from a high of 9,458 feet at Duffer Peak in the Pine Forest Range to 4,000 feet along the Black Rock Desert or the base of the Pine Forest Range.

TERRAIN: The hunt unit is comprised of three major mountain ranges (Pine Forest Range, Black Rock Range and the Jackson Mountains). All ranges are large mountains surrounded by desert sinks or flat sagebrush basins. The mountains vary from plateaus, rolling drainages, to more steep rugged terrain. The most notable exception is the Slumbering Hills and Silver State Valley to the east side of the unit. This area has more gentle relief and contains a large agricultural area.

VEGETATION: The majority of the basins and slopes are covered with sagebrush to the 6,500-foot elevation. Above 6,500 feet, sites are typically characterized by aspen in the drainages, islands of mahogany, dense stands of brush and grass. Limber pine stands exist at higher elevations around Duffer Peak in the Pine Forest Range.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE: The precipitation varies from 8-20+ inches a year from the valley floor to the upper peaks. Rain and snow are very likely, particularly in the higher elevations, throughout the months of October and November. Travel problems can easily be encountered during this period.

LAND STATUS: Approximately 85% of the unit is public lands. The majority of private lands are associated with agriculture or mining.

HUNTER ACCESS: From Winnemucca, travel north on Highway 95 and west on Highway 140. Primary and secondary road access is relatively good. Four-wheel drive (high clearance) vehicles are recommended to access most of the unit for hunting purposes. The Blue Lakes Wilderness Study Area occupies 24,000 acres of the Duffer Peak area and is **closed** to all motorized vehicles. Access on some roads may be restricted due to private property closures, including but not limited to the following: In Unit 034, access is closed through and around the Paiute Meadows Ranch to the south. Access is also closed to traffic through Paiute Creek west of Paiute Meadows ranch. Access through Happy Creek in Unit 035 is blocked by private property. In Unit 032, roads to portions of Leonard Creek Basin are blocked by private property. Check for permission to pass at the Leonard Creek Ranch.

MAP REFERENCES: U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps: 1:100,000 scale - **Denio, High Rock, Jackson Mountains and Osgood Mountains**. There are numerous 7.5-minute scale topographic maps of the area, as well. Visit the Map Resources section under Hunting Areas & Unit descriptions on the NDOW web site for more information. For additional information or map orders write: Winnemucca Bureau of Land Management, 705 East 4th Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, or call (775) 623-1500. The DeLorme Nevada Atlas and Gazetteer is available at most book or sporting goods stores or by phone at 1-800-452-5931.

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FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Winnemucca provides gas, food, lodging, and emergency medical services. No services are available in Denio – the closest services to this area are in Fields, OR. No developed campgrounds are located in this unit, however undeveloped camp sites are available throughout the area.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR ANTELOPE: The Slumbering Hills and east face of the Jackson Mountains are the better areas in Unit 035. For Unit 034, look in the Pahute Peak, Battle Creek and Mahogany Creek areas. The New York Peak, Leonard Creek, Short Creek, Alta Creek, and Alder Creek areas offer opportunities in Unit 032.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: All areas offer undeveloped camp site locations from the foothills to the higher elevations. The Pine Forest Range offers good trout fishing at Onion Valley Reservoir, Blue Lakes, and Knott Creek Reservoir. Fishing opportunities exist throughout the Unit Group, but check the regulations.