

Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP **Unit 134**

LOCATION: Unit 134 is comprised of the Pancake Mountain range of northeast central Nye County. See unit description in the big game brochure.

ELEVATION: The elevations range from 5,200 feet at the lower valley floors to about 8,000 feet at the top of Citadel Mountain.

TERRAIN: The terrain varies from desert playas and rolling lowland desert at the lower elevations to steep rocky canyons and cliffs from 6,000-8,000 feet. In comparison with other sheep habitat, this terrain is more easily traversed than most.

VEGETATION: Dry lake playas, desert shrub and low sagebrush in the lower valley bottoms and benches. Except for some mountain brush species, little vegetative cover exists from 6,000-8,000 feet.

LAND STATUS: Mostly lands administered by the BLM. Some parcels of private land are found around the perimeter of the range, but have no influence on access to public lands.

HUNTER ACCESS: Access to the Pancake Range exists on virtually all sides. However, most hunters access the area from Monocline Canyon on the south or from the Lunar Crater area on the north. Due to designation as a Wilderness Study Area, Palisade Mesa has strict vehicle travel restrictions.

MAP REFERENCES: The U.S. Geological Survey 1:100,000 topographic maps that cover the area are: **Warm Springs and Summit Mountain.**

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Full services are available only in the town of Tonopah. Generally primitive camping is the rule.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS: If the weather remains warm during the season, sheep could be tied to water. In this case, since most of the water is located in the Palisade Mesa area, this would be a good place to start. If it is cool or if the area has received precipitation, sheep will be widely distributed. Citadel Mountain, The Wall, Black Beauty Mesa, and the country to the north of Twin Springs Slough would be areas worth looking at in this case. Many hunters concentrate on the Palisade Mesa area, but rams tend to drift into other areas during November and a hunter will miss a lot of animals by limiting himself to where sheep are concentrated earlier in the year.