

**DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET
Units 162, 163**



LOCATION: See unit description in the big game hunting brochure. Unit 162 is comprised of the Monitor Mountain Range of north central Nye County. Unit 163 is comprised of the Hot Creek Mountain range of northeast central Nye County.

ELEVATION: The elevations range from 5,200 feet at the lower valley floors to nearly 9,500 feet at the top of Morey Peak.

TERRAIN: The terrain varies from rolling/undulating benches at the lower elevations to steep rocky canyons and cliffs covered with heavy pinyon/juniper from 7,000-9,00 feet. The top of Morey Peak has a small open plateau with rock pinnacles. Spectacular views can be had here.

VEGETATION: Desert shrub and low sagebrush and bitterbrush in the lower valley bottoms and benches. Heavy pinyon/juniper exists from around 7,000-9,000 feet. Mountain mahogany and some aspen stringers occur from 8,500-9,500 feet. Found at the higher elevations is a remnant stand of Bristlecone Pine.

LAND STATUS: Mostly lands administered by the BLM or USFS. 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 Hot Creek range is primarily out of Hot Creek Valley from the east. Morey Peak is accessible along the west side via Six-Mile Canyon and on the north end via Morey Canyon. **Note:** Please be aware that sections of Unit 162 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 REFERENCES: The U.S. Geological Survey 1:100,000 topographic maps that cover the area are: **Warm Springs, Mount Jefferson, and Summit Mountain**. The 1:250,000 AMS topographic map that covers the area is: **Tonopah**.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Full services are only available in the town of Tonopah. Primitive camping is the rule, as no developed campgrounds exist in the area.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP: The majority of desert bighorn sheep in this Unit group can be found in Unit 163, in the Hot Creek mountain range. The highest densities of sheep can be found from Morey Peak southward to Warm Springs on the east side of the range. A good place to start looking is the southern end of the unit in the Rawhide, Warm Springs area. The entire length of Hot Creek Canyon and the Box Canyon area on the west side of the Hot Creeks hold good numbers of sheep on a regular basis as well. Low numbers of sheep can be found in Unit 162 in the Hunts Canyon/Horse Heaven area, and on the west side of Box Canyon on occasion. The number of sheep in Unit 162 is very low, and hunters are encouraged to spend their time primarily in Unit 163.