

# Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



## **DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP** **Unit 252**

**LOCATION:** See unit description in the big game hunting brochure. Sheep habitat in Unit 252 is comprised almost entirely of Stonewall Mountain and the western portion of Pahute Mesa in south central Nye County.

**ELEVATION:** The elevations range from 4,200 feet at the lower valley floors to 7,500 feet at the top of Stonewall Mountain

**TERRAIN:** The terrain varies from rolling/undulating benches to steep benches at the lower elevations to steep rocky canyons and cliffs, portions of which are covered with heavy pinyon/juniper from 6,000-7,500 feet.

**VEGETATION:** Desert shrub, Joshua forest in the lower valley bottoms and benches. Heavy pinyon/juniper exists from around 6,000-7,500 feet.

**LAND STATUS:** Mostly lands administered by the BLM and the U.S. Military.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** Access to Stonewall Mountain is limited to the north, west and south sides of the mountain. The main access is either from just north of Lida Junction or just north of Stonewall Pass.

**MAP REFERENCES:** The U.S. Geological Survey 1:100,000 topographic maps that cover the area are: **Goldfield, Cactus Flat, Last Chance Range and Pahute Mesa**. The 1:250,000 AMS topographic map that covers the area is: **Goldfield**.

**FACILITIES AND SERVICES:** Full services are available in the towns of Beatty and Tonopah. Most services available in the town of Goldfield. Generally primitive camping is the rule. The nearest phone is located at Lida Junction.

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP:** If the weather stays dry and relatively mild, sheep can be found almost anywhere on Stonewall Mountain. Areas that tend to hold the highest densities of sheep in these conditions are the areas around Stonewall Spring and Vitavich Canyon, but as mentioned previously, they can be observed over the entire mountain at any given time. As temperatures drop and precipitation is received, more sheep may drift further south along the edge of Pahute Mesa and eastward into closed areas.

**SPECIAL COMMENTS:** Due to military control of much of Stonewall Mountain, hunter access to some areas is subject to military clearance. Preseason scouting on withdrawn lands prior to the mandatory DOD briefing for tag holders is strictly prohibited.