

Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP Unit 253

LOCATION: Unit 253 is situated in southern Nye County, and comprises the Specter Range (Unit 253^C) and Bare Mountain (Unit 253^D).

ELEVATION: On Bare Mountain, elevations range from 3,280' to 6,319'. In the Specter Range, elevations range from 3,120' to 4,613'.

TERRAIN: Terrain varies from fairly level, unbroken bajada to steep, rocky canyons and broken ledges.

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

LAND STATUS: the Bureau of Land Management administers the majority of the area within the limits of bighorn sheep distribution. Although a small portion of bighorn sheep habitat on the west side of Bare Mountain is in private ownership, presently there are no access restrictions.

HUNTER ACCESS: Hunter access on Bare Mountain may be considered very good; however, access into the Specter Range is only possible from a few roads on the south side of the range. Lands north and east of the Specter Range are within the Nevada Test Site, and as such, unauthorized entry is prohibited for security and personal safety reasons.

MAP REFERENCE: Maps are available for purchase from United States Geological Survey (USGS), BLM or local vendors. At a minimum, hunters should possess the USGS, **Beatty** 1:100,000-scale topographic map (30 x 60 minute quadrangle). [Link to Map Resources.](#)

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Full services are available in Las Vegas, and some exist in Beatty and Lathrop Wells. Primitive camping is the rule.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP: On Bare Mountain, areas to hunt include Meiklejohn Peak, Tarantula Canyon and Chuckwalla Canyon.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Sheep hunting in the unit is physically demanding, as much of Bare Mountain and portions of the Specter Range are extremely steep and rocky.