

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK HUNTER  
INFORMATION SHEET See unit descriptions  
Unit 131 and Unit 132.**

**LOCATION:** Southwestern White Pine County and northeastern Nye County. The unit group is made up of the White Pine Range, Horse Range, Grant Range and Quinn Canyon Range.

**ELEVATION:** The valleys start at 5500' in Railroad Valley and climb to 11,312' on Troy Peak. The majority of the elk habitat ranges from 6500' to 9000'

**TERRAIN:** Rugged steep mountains extending from the large flat valleys.

**VEGETATION:** The summer and fall elk habitat has sagebrush, bitterbrush, serviceberry and Mountain Mahogany. Elk also use mid elevation areas dominated by thick pinon/juniper (P-J) forests in the winter and during the summer and fall if water is available.

**LAND STATUS:** The majority of the elk habitat are public lands administered by the Ely Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (USFS). The Ely District Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administers the surrounding valleys. There are seven wilderness areas; Bald Mountain, Currant Mountain, Red Mountain, Shellback and White Pine Wilderness in unit 131 with the Grant Range Wilderness and Quinn Canyon Wilderness in unit 132.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** Good throughout this unit group with many roads and jeep trails. There is no private land blocking access to hunting areas. Off-road vehicles are recommended and four-wheel drive vehicles are required on some roads especially with snow and mud. **Note:** Please be aware that sections of Unit 131, Unit 132 and Unit 133 are in wilderness areas. 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 scale topographical maps that cover the area are: **Duckwater, Mt. Hamilton, Quinn Canyon and Timpahute Range.**

**FACILITIES AND SERVICES:** The towns of Ely and Eureka has supplies and a full range of services. Lund, Preston and Sunnyside have limited supplies and services. There are no services at Currant. There are campgrounds at Illipah Reservoir and White River in Unit 131 and at Wayne E, Kirch Wildlife Management Area and at Cherry Creek in Unit 132. Most of these campgrounds have tables and portable toilets, but no drinking water. Primitive camping is allowed throughout the public lands.

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS:** The majority of elk are distributed throughout Unit 131 from Little Antelope Summit in the north to Currant Summit in the south. Elk may cross Highway 6 near Currant Summit into Unit 132 after the rut. Elk are also located in unit 132 in the Timber Mountain to Horse Spring Hills. Elk are generally in the higher elevations in the summer and fall and move to lower elevations above Jakes and Railroad Valleys during winter. Bulls will usually be with cows during the September breeding season and alone or in with other bulls during November. These lone bulls or bull groups will often be in thick tree cover at mid elevations after the rut especially when snow cover can provide water in these usually dry areas.

**SPECIAL COMMENTS:** Hunting has been very difficult and success has ranged from very high to very low for all hunts in this area. The relatively small density of elk in this large area with thick tree cover makes for difficult hunting conditions.