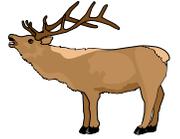


**ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK  
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET  
Areas 23 & 24  
Units 231, 241-242**



**LOCATION:** Central and Northeastern Lincoln County. See unit descriptions in the big game brochure.

**ELEVATION:** 5,000 feet north of Panaca to 9,400 feet on Mount Wilson, 7,670 feet on Table Mountain and 9,200 feet on White Rock Peak in Area 23. In Area 24, elevations range from 3180 feet in Kane Springs Wash to 7,869 on Slidy Mtn., 7,478 feet on Ella Mountain, and 7,554 on Sawmill Mountain.

**TERRAIN:** Variable. Bench lands around the three major valleys of the management area, (Eagle, Rose, and Dry Valleys) to high mountains.

**VEGETATION:** Mojave Desert Scrub to Sagebrush in lower valleys, cultivated alfalfa fields to pinyon/juniper, burns, chainings, and seedings, as well as some aspen and Subalpine Fir at the upper elevations.

**LAND STATUS:** The majority of lands within this management area are public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. There are two Nevada State parks, Spring Valley and Echo Canyon State Parks which provide excellent camping facilities. Private lands are associated with the agriculture lands in Spring, Eagle, Rose, Dry and Meadow Valleys. Several areas have recently been designated as wilderness.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** Good throughout the management area. Off-road vehicles are recommended when traveling away from the county roads. Wilderness areas will require hiking or use of horses. **Note:** Please be aware that sections of these units 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:** Topographical maps are available from the U.S. Geological Survey and possibly from B.L.M. local offices and sporting good stores. The 1:100 000 topographical maps that cover this management area are: **Garrison, Utah-Nevada; Wilson Creek, Nevada-Utah; Caliente, Nevada-Utah; Clover Mountains., Nevada-Utah.**

**FACILITIES AND SERVICES:** The towns of Pioche and Caliente provide most services. Camping facilities are available at the two Nevada State Parks within the management area, Spring Valley and Echo Canyon State Parks, and Cathedral Gorge State Park near Panaca, Nevada. Each of these state parks provides excellent camping facilities. For more information, please contact Region Five Visitor Center at 775-728-4460, or Region Five District Office at 775-728-4467, at Panaca, Nevada. Primitive camping is available throughout the public lands within the management area.

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR ELK:** Those who participate in the archery seasons will find elk in association with various water sources. Bulls will be bugling and gathering cows for breeding purposes. The higher elevations in the White Rock Peak area, from Reed Cabin Summit north to Coyote Summit, and all areas around Spring Valley should be thoroughly covered. Clearings resulting from burns and/or chainings are excellent areas to find elk. Bull hunters that choose to hunt in Area 24 may have a difficult time finding elk, as the density of elk is extremely low. The antlerless elk seasons also are now open in Area 24, although densities are extremely low. As the seasons progress, cows and calves will be gathering together into large groups. As winter sets in, there may be some movement to lower elevations in Spring Valley and the west side of White Rock peak on the west side of Hamlin Valley. At times, there may be elk in and around the Geyser Ranch, located in North Lake Valley, and tag holders for both the bull and cow hunts should check North Lake Valley and the Fortification Range for hunting opportunities. For the late cow elk seasons, hunters should be able to find elk associated with the burns near the north end of White Rock Mountain. Groups of elk are usually found from the Miller Canyon Road to the areas south of the Hermitage. Elk are also often observed in the burns on the east side of the Wilson Creek Range as well. It should be understood that the antlerless hunts can be very challenging, especially for hunters with expectations of an easy hunt. Many successful antlerless hunters find elk several miles away from vehicle access. Be prepared to quarter and pack an animal some distance. Low success has been observed on antlerless hunts for several years, sometimes due to heavy snow precluding hunter access, and sometimes due to hunters not willing to leave their vehicles. This area has been over the population objective for several years, so please be patient and take one home.