

Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



MULE DEER **Units 111, 112, 113**

LOCATION: Eastern White Pine County - Schell Creek, Antelope, and Kern Mountain Ranges. Please see unit descriptions in the **Nevada Hunt Book**.

ELEVATION: From 5,600' in Spring Valley to 11,900' in the Schell Creek Range.

TERRAIN: Gentle to extremely difficult.

VEGETATION: Ranges from salt-desert shrub on some valley floors through sage and mixed brush, pinyon/juniper, mountain mahogany and aspen types at mid elevations to aspen/fir/spruce/limber pine/bristlecone pine at higher elevations. Mountainous areas consist of roughly equal parts brush and forest types, however pinyon and juniper dominates many areas between 6,500' and 8,000'. Aspen is very limited in Unit 112.

LAND STATUS: The vast majority of deer habitat is public land administered by either the BLM Ely Field Office or the Ely Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (USFS). **Note:** In 2006, Congress created two new wilderness areas totaling 140,000 acres within Unit 111. Vehicles and mechanized equipment, including wheeled game carriers are prohibited in wilderness areas. Contact the Federal Land Management Agency responsible for the area you intend to hunt for more information. Most private land is located on valley bottoms and benches. Private lands rarely restrict access to public land. The Goshute Indian Reservation is located in Unit 113. Hunting on tribal lands is regulated through a separate permit system. Access to tribal lands requires tribal permission.

HUNTER ACCESS: Excellent to fair, based on weather and ground conditions. Motorized access is limited by existing roads, terrain and wilderness designations. Some roads have been closed in Unit 111 (Duck Creek Basin) due to the proliferation of new roads in the recent past. Private lands do not restrict access to hunting areas except for parts of McDonald Canyon and Muncy Creek in Unit 111. Hunters should familiarize themselves with land ownership status and obtain permission before hunting on private land.

MAP REFERENCES: USGS (1:100,000 scale) topographic and land status maps – **Ely, Kern Mountains, Currie**. USGS 1:250,000 scale maps – **Elko, Ely**. In Ely, various maps can be purchased at Sportsworld, as well as the BLM and USFS offices. Other sources for maps can be found on the internet.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Most services are available in Ely. Limited services can be found on Hwy. 93 at Schellbourne and Lages Station, and just off Hwy. 50 in Baker or at The Border Inn on the NV/UT state line. Public camping areas exist at Cave Lake State Park, at Timber Creek and East Creek on Forest Service lands in Duck Creek Basin of Unit 111, and at Cleve Creek in Unit 111 on BLM land. Primitive camping is allowed throughout the unit group on public lands. See restrictions regarding camping near a water source. (NRS 503.660).

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS: Unit 111 supports the majority of the deer in this unit group followed by Units 113 and 112. Some hunter congestion should be expected in Unit 111 with the coinciding cow elk hunt however deer tag quotas are a fraction of those experienced in the 1980s. Good hunting can be found between roads and in roadless blocks. Mature bucks are harvested in all units. High buck-to-doe ratios occur in Units 112, 113 and on the east side of 111. Deer can be

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found in mountain mahogany, aspen, white fir and limber pine habitat types, especially during the warmer early seasons.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: During warm weather, deer will spend much of the day in thick cover and feed in the open mainly at night. Deer will spend more time in the open at higher elevations. Most deer are located between elevations of 7,500' and 10,500'. Tampering with natural water sources or man-made artificial water developments is strongly discouraged.