

# Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



## **MULE DEER** **Units 114-115**

**LOCATION:** Eastern White Pine County – Snake Range. Please see unit descriptions in the **Nevada Hunt Book**.

**ELEVATION:** From 5,100' in Snake Valley to 12,050' on Mount Moriah.

**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 support forest types more than brush, with pinyon and juniper dominating many areas between 6,500' and 8,000'. Aspen is a minor component in both units.

**LAND STATUS:** The 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). Hunting is not permitted on National Park Service lands (Great Basin National Park) located in Unit 115. **Note:** In 2006, Congress added 11,000 acres to the Mt. Moriah Wilderness in Unit 114 and created a new wilderness area (69,000 acres) on the south end of Unit 115. 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 do not restrict access to public land.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** Good to fair, based on weather and ground conditions. Access to Unit 114 can be impacted by winter storms. Motorized access is limited by existing roads, terrain and wilderness designations. Roads can be very rough in both units. Most hunters refrain from pulling camp/horse trailers up the steep, rough roads that provide access to the higher portions of Unit 114. 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 – **Garrison, Ely, Kern Mountains**. USGS 1:250,000 scale maps – **Ely, Lund**. 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 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 Baker Creek and Lehman Creek on National Park lands in Unit 115 (check National Park regulations concerning proper storage and possession of firearms and possession of harvested animals since hunting is not allowed in the National Park), and at Cleve Creek in Unit 111 on BLM land. Primitive camping is allowed throughout the unit group on BLM and USFS lands. See restrictions regarding camping near a water source. (NRS 503.660).

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS:** Unit 115 supports over 60% of the annual buck harvest for this unit-group. In Unit 115, deer densities are highest on the north end and on the west side south to Williams Creek. Early winter storms can result in movements of deer from higher elevations on national park land to lower elevations where they are more accessible to hunters. Early-season hunters in Unit 114 find success on USFS lands at higher elevations. Winter weather results in

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movement of deer from higher elevations in favor of BLM land to the north. Deer can be found in mountain mahogany, aspen, white fir and limber pine, especially during warmer, early seasons. Most deer are located between elevations of 7,500' and 10,500'.

**SPECIAL COMMENTS:** Hunters camping at the higher elevations of Unit 114 should stay aware of changing weather conditions as early winter storms can drastically alter road conditions and options for getting off the mountain. Tampering with natural water sources or man-made artificial water developments is strongly discouraged.