MULE DEER
Unit Group 141-145

LOCATION: Eureka and western White Pine Counties.

ELEVATION: 5,000' in Crescent Valley to 10,600' on Diamond Peak.

TERRAIN: Large broad flat valley with steep rugged mountains bisecting the valleys.

VEGETATION: The deer habitat is characterized by mountain brush zones of bitterbrush, Mountain Mahogany, serviceberry and big sagebrush in the middle to upper elevations. There are some aspens in canyon bottoms. Thick pinon/juniper (P-J) forests dominate much of the mid-elevations with sagebrush at lower elevation winter ranges.

LAND STATUS: The majority of the area is public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Battle Mountain, Elko and Ely Field Offices. There are private lands in the valleys and scattered through some mountain ranges.

HUNTER ACCESS: Access is good to most hunting areas with many county and BLM roads. The north end of the Cortez Range, unit 141 and a few roads on the west side of the Diamond Range, unit 144 are locked up by private land blocking access to public land. Some areas are limited to four-wheel drive vehicles, but the majority of roads are passable with a pick-up.

MAP REFERENCES: The U.S. Geological Survey 1:100,000 topographical maps that cover the area include: Battle Mountain, Crescent Valley, Mt. Hamilton, Newark Lake, Ruby Lake, Simpson Park Mtns. And Summit Mtn. These maps may be purchased from private map vendors and some BLM offices.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: The town of Eureka offers most supplies and services. Carlin and Elko to the north offer all services. There are no public campgrounds in the unit group but several private RV Parks are located in Eureka. Primitive camping is allowed on the public lands.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR MULE DEER: The majority of the deer are concentrated in the Diamond Range, unit 144. Hunters should concentrate at mid to upper elevations early in the season. The Diamond Peak area and the north end of the Diamond Range have steep rugged terrain with few roads offering hunters some rugged country to hike or use horses. Roberts Mountain, unit 143, has a smaller population but good hunting early in the season. The Cortez Range has a low-density deer herd living on a near treeless mountain with the majority of habitat dominated by big sagebrush. The Fish Creek Range has small resident deer populations with hunting improving late in October as deer migrate into this unit.