

Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



MULE DEER **Units 211 and 212**

LOCATION: Esmeralda County. See unit description in big game brochure.

ELEVATION: Elevations within the hunt area range from approximately 4,400 feet in the valleys to over 13,000 feet on Boundary Peak, which is the highest peak in the state of Nevada.

TERRAIN: Terrain over much of the deer habitat in this unit is fragmented or irregularly shaped mountains or mountain ranges. The western portion of unit 211 is more typical of the basin and range terrain features with single ridge mountain ranges running north and south, with deep canyons running both east and west.

VEGETATION: Desert shrub, low sagebrush, creosote and joshua are found in lower valley bottoms and benches. Pinyon/juniper occurs from around 6,500-8,000 feet. Sagebrush, mountain brush, big sagebrush and mountain mahogany occur from 8,000-11,000 feet.

LAND STATUS: Mostly lands administered by the BLM or U.S. Forest Service. Some private land is found but these parcels have very little influence on public access.

HUNTER ACCESS: Good over much of the management area, but off-road vehicular travel is restricted on USFS lands along the east side of the White Mountains in unit 211.

MAP REFERENCES: Maps are available from BLM or USFS (Tonopah, Reno or Las Vegas) or private vendors such as Mercury Blueprint (Las Vegas) or Brundidges and Oakman's (Reno). The U.S. Geological Survey 1:100,000 topographic maps that cover this area are: **Excelsior Mtn., Benton Range, Tonopah and Mariposa.**

FACILITIES AND SERVICES: Full services are only available in the town of Tonopah, but food and most services are also available in the towns of Dyer and Goldfield. Generally, primitive camping with no developed campsites.

RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS: Deer occur in all units of the management area. Low densities will be encountered in most areas due to limited deer summer habitat. Slightly higher densities will be located in unit 211 along the east slope of the White Mountains. The Tule Canyon/Magruder Mountain areas, as well as the southern reaches of the Silver Peak Range and the Palmetto Mountains are popular hunting areas. While some areas in Units 211 and 212 are heavily treed with Pinyon and Juniper making glassing nearly impossible, other areas are wide open desert type habitats. Very low densities of mule deer in conjunction with habitat types that do not often lend themselves to traditional mule deer hunting tactics make for challenging conditions.