

# Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



## **MULE DEER** **Units 251, 252, and 253**

**LOCATION:** South-Central Nye County. See unit description in big game brochure.

**ELEVATION:** Elevations within the hunt area range from approximately 5,500 feet in the valleys to 9,400 feet on Kawich Peak.

**TERRAIN:** Terrain in most of the deer habitat is single ridge mountain ranges running north to south, with deep canyons running both east and west.

**VEGETATION:** Desert shrub and low sagebrush in lower valley bottoms, pinyon/juniper from around 6,500-8,000 feet, sagebrush, mountain brush, big sagebrush, as well as significant stands of mountain mahogany from 8,000-9,400 feet.

**LAND STATUS:** Mostly lands administered by the BLM.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** Some vehicle access is provided around the perimeter of all units except portions of units 251 and 252. No access is allowed south of the Nellis Air Force range northern and western boundary for national security reasons. This land has been withdrawn from public use for many years. This closure is strongly enforced.

**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: **Tonopah, Goldfield, Warm Springs and Cactus Flat.**

**FACILITIES AND SERVICES:** Full services are only available in the town of Tonopah. Generally, primitive camping with no developed camp sites or trailhead facilities.

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS:** Low densities of deer occur in all units of the management area from the foothills to upper peaks. The greatest densities and highest harvest rates occur in Unit 251. Few, if any, deer are to be found in unit 253. Water availability is limited in much of Area 25 making the study of maps and scouting very important. Areas within a mile or two of perennial water sources are the most productive until late fall precipitation patterns allow for deer dispersal. The highest reaches of the Kawich Range support the best densities of mule deer, but accessing these areas can be strenuous for the unprepared hunter.

**SPECIAL COMMENTS:** Again, emphasis must be placed upon paying attention to restricted area boundaries. Failure to do so may result in a very unpleasant experience with range personnel. Enforcement of these boundaries has become even more strict lately due to recent events.