

# Nevada Hunter Information Sheet



## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP** **Unit 102**

**LOCATION:** Ruby Mountains, central Elko County, east of Elko. See unit description in big game brochure.

**ELEVATION:** Elevations up to 11,387' (3450m) Ruby Dome and many peaks exceeding 10,000'.

**TERRAIN:** Terrain in the higher elevations can be exceptionally rocky, steep, and unforgiving. High sheer cliffs typically back the mountain meadows and cirques.

**VEGETATION:** Vegetation is sparse in most of the higher elevations due to the abundance of rock. Limber pines are scattered through many of the basins while grasses and prostrate shrubs are found on higher and steeper slopes.

**LAND STATUS:** The majority of the land at high elevations in unit 102 is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. However, a checkerboard mix of private and public lands, as well as irregular blocks of private land exist within the unit.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** Although the U.S. Forest Service manages the majority of land in unit 102, access points are limited. There are several good public access routes from within Lamoille Canyon on the west side of the unit. Public access points include the Ruby Crest Trail at Roads End, Thomas Canyon, Right Fork of Lamoille Creek, and several other unnamed routes. The more southerly locations can be accessed from the east side of the range from the Overland Trailhead or from the west side via several locations crossing private lands with permission. **Note:** Please be aware that sections of this unit are in a wilderness area. Motorized equipment, mechanized transport, including wheeled game carriers and chainsaws, are prohibited in wilderness areas. Contact the Federal Management Agency responsible for this area for more information.

**MAP REFERENCES:** Topographical and land status maps are available from the BLM (Elko) or private vendors. U.S. Geological Survey **1:100,000** maps that cover unit 102 include: **Ruby Lake** and **Elko**. U.S. Geological Survey **1:250,000** maps that cover unit 102 include: **Elko**.

**FACILITIES AND SERVICES:** The town of Elko provides all services. Primitive camping is available on all accessible public lands throughout the unit.

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS:** Bighorn sheep live high in the rocks, on high elevation mountain meadows, and are often found in close association with snow banks and the waters they generate. The high mountain meadows of this magnificent mountain range contains the greatest amount of suitable sheep habitat, from Tipton Peak in the south to Verdi Peak in the north and every high elevation grassy slope in between.

**SPECIAL COMMENTS:** The rugged terrain, extreme elevations, and unpredictable weather can make pursuit of the bighorn sheep a very challenging and physically demanding hunt. Seemingly simple tasks like animal retrieval and removal can become monumental chores. Please consider such things to avoid endangering your life or wasting the animal.