

Species: California Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 032

Hunt Geometry ID: 101

Hunt ID: [513, 476]

Access: To access Unit 032 from Winnemucca, travel north on Highway 95 and west on Highway 140. Primary and secondary road access is relatively good. Four-wheel drive (high clearance) vehicles are recommended to access most of the unit for hunting purposes. The Blue Lakes Wilderness Study Area occupies 24,000 acres of the Duffer Peak area and is closed to all motorized vehicles. Access on some roads may be restricted due to private property closures.

Recommended Hunting Areas: The unit has numerous opportunities for hunting bighorn. Windy Point on the southernmost edge to Black Mountain on the north end of the Pine Forest Range all support huntable populations. Many of the canyons on the East side of this range have huntable populations. Big, Pass, Cherry, and Boyd Creeks; Sentinel Peak; and Bishop, Buckaroo, and Dyke Canyons on the east side have all been productive in the past. Mahogany Mountain offers opportunities to the north, while New York Peak to Knott Creek Reservoir have limited opportunities on the southwest side. Also, within this unit, the Nevada portion of the Pueblo Mountains along the Oregon border will hold rams.

Biologist Comments: Bighorn sheep hunting can be very difficult. Therefore, it is recommended that the hunter be familiar with the hunt unit, be physically prepared, and have all equipment associated with the hunt in good working order. Creek fishing is available but check the regulations for open waters. Winnemucca provides gas, food, lodging, and emergency medical services. Partial services occur in Denio – the closest services to this town are in Fields, Oregon. No developed campgrounds are in this unit. However, undeveloped campsites are available throughout the unit.