

Species: California Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 034

Hunt Geometry ID: 108

Hunt ID: [472, 510]

Access: This unit is remote. You can access it from the south from Gerlach by travelling north on State Route Highway 34, then northeast on the Soldier Meadows Road to access the western side of the Black Rock Range. East access is from Winnemucca north on Highway 95, west on State Route 140, and Leonard Creek Road around north tip of the Jackson Mountains, across the Quinn River Valley, past Windy Point and Leonard Creek Ranch. There are 2 wilderness areas that encompass a large part of the bighorn habitat in the unit: Pahute Peak (southern part of Black Rock Range) and North Black Rock Range Wilderness Areas. No motorized or mechanical vehicles or equipment are allowed inside these areas. Contact Bureau of Land Management more information. The North Black Rock Range Wilderness involves that country from the Slumgullion drainage north to the headwaters of Snow Creek and east into the headwaters of the North and South Fork of Battle Creek. Access to the headwaters of Snow Creek, Colman and Battle Creeks are restricted from the top of Summit Lake Mountain. The access through Battle Creek Basin, Mahogany Creek, Summer Camp Creek and Dry Lake is open and not influenced by the wilderness area.

Recommended Hunting Areas: Bighorn sheep are widely distributed across the Black Rock Range. Starting from the south end of the range and moving north consider looking around Little Big and Big Mountain. These areas have been very popular in the past. This area would also include Copper Canyon as well as Indian Creek on the east side. Also consider the upper Paiute Creek drainage and ridges. From there you can make your way to the north towards Red Mountain and Colman Creek. Here the rim country offers great sheep habitat. Occasionally sheep can be located near Rough Canyon and later in the year near Bartlett Peak.

Biologist Comments: Bighorn sheep hunting can be very difficult. It is recommended that the hunter become familiar with the hunt unit, be physically prepared and have all equipment associated with the hunt in good working order. Mahogany, Summer Camp and Snow Creeks are closed to fishing. You should check the fishing regulations for other fishing opportunities. Winnemucca provides gas, food, lodging, and emergency medical services. Gerlach offers gas, food, lodging, and some grocery products. No developed campgrounds are in the area. Good campsites are available throughout the unit.