

Species: California Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 035^c

Hunt Geometry ID: 110 ***Hunt area is only a portion of Unit 035, excluding the Bloody Run Hills

Hunt ID: [499, 467]

Access: The Jackson Mountains hold all the bighorn sheep in this portion of Unit 035 open to bighorn hunting. It is accessible from the north from State Route 140, west of Highway 95 and north of Winnemucca. South access can be gained from the Jungo Road that travels along the railroad tracks west of Winnemucca. Bottle Creek Road is on the east side of the range and the Jackson Creek/Trout Creek Roads split through the Jackson Mountains from the west to the southeast. The west side can be accessed from the north off State Route 140 and then travelling on the Leonard Creek Road. There are 2 wilderness areas that encompass a large part of the bighorn habitat in the Jackson Mountains: North Jackson Mountains (Parrot Peak area) and South Jackson Mountains (King Lear Peak area) Wilderness Areas. No motorized or mechanical vehicles or equipment are allowed inside these areas. Contact Bureau of Land Management more information. The Iron King, Bottle Creek, and Trout Creek Spur areas outside the wilderness areas are not subject to access restrictions.

Recommended Hunting Areas: The King Lear Peak and a little south towards Navajo Peak continue to support good numbers of sheep. Parrot Peak, and Deer Creek South of Jackson Creek also seem to have a few sheep concentrating in those areas. In more recent years sheep have expanded into areas above Iron King Mine all the way towards O'Brien Creek. The Bloody Run Hills on the far west side of Unit 035 are closed to bighorn sheep hunting.

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. This is one of the roughest California Bighorn Hunts due to the steep and rocky terrain near King Lear Peak. The closest services to this unit are located in Winnemucca.