

**Species:** California Bighorn

**Unit Group:** 041

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**Access:** Access hunt area from either the west off State Route 447 that runs between Fernley and Gerlach or from the east along Interstate 80 off the Toulon Exit.

**Recommended Hunting Areas:** This herd primarily inhabits the Sahwave Mountains (southwestern Pershing County), but random sightings have occurred in the south end of the Seven Troughs Range, area above Sage Hen Springs in the Nightingale Range and the south end of the Selenite Range. Bighorn density is low. Bighorns that primarily occur in the Sahwave Mountains are north of the pass road and along the east side of the Sahwave Mountains from 2 canyons south of Bob's Spring north to Cottonwood Canyon. Ewes prefer the area around Bob's Spring south into the next two canyons. Preferred use area for rams is Cottonwood Canyon south to Bob's Spring and will seek ewes in mid to late October for the rut.

**Biologist Comments:** Fernley and Lovelock provide full services including fuel, vehicle repair, lodging, restaurants, convenience stores and grocery markets. Gerlach offers gas, some vehicle repair, limited food, and lodging. Hunters should be prepared for a physically demanding hunt. The area is steep and rocky. Hiking will be the main means of accessing bighorn use areas. Camping is unrestricted with no developed campgrounds. Scouting is highly recommended prior to hunting.