

Species: Desert Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 204

Hunt Geometry ID: 84

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**Access:** Access to the East Walker River ridges, hills, and canyons where the Unit 204 bighorn herd inhabits is from 2 separate routes: 1) From the northwest begin in Smith Valley, drive south on State Route 338 approximately 30 miles past Sweetwater Summit to the “Elbow” of the East Walker River; 2) From the northeast begin in Mason Valley, drive south on state route 208 through Pine Grove Flat to the old Flying M Ranch, now part of the East Walker River State Recreation Area and continue on series of 2-track dirt roads south into bighorn habitat.

**Recommended Hunting Areas:** Sheep are located from the East Walker River “Elbow” to the Morgan Unit (Old Flying M Ranch), a 26-mile stretch downriver to the northeast. Also consider scouting Raccoon Beach and the hot spring area on the West Walker River. Sheep are located on both sides of the river.

**Biologist Comments:** Be prepared for a physically demanding hunt. The area is steep and rocky. Four-wheel drive will be necessary to access some of the more remote 2-track dirt roads. Most of the hunting effort will begin from lower elevations off well-maintained roads. Hiking will be the primary means of accessing sheep habitat. Hawthorne and Yerington have full services including medical, gas, vehicle repair, food, restaurants, and lodging.