

Species: Elk

Unit Group: 072 - 075

Hunt Geometry ID: 137

Hunt ID: [699, 854]

Access:

Most of the land within this unit group is public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service. The Jarbidge Wilderness is centered in Hunt Unit 072 and contains 110,000 acres. Wilderness designation prohibits motorized vehicle access. See <https://wilderness.net> and search *Jarbidge Wilderness* for more information. There are a few areas of restricted private property access in Hunt Unit 075 (mostly on the northwest portion of the Snake Mountains). Restricted areas are well marked. There is an area of no motorized vehicle access around Loomis Mountain in Hunt Unit 075; however, walk in access is granted from the Winecup Gamble Ranch.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Elk will generally start to move out of the wilderness portion of Hunt Unit 072, depending on snow accumulations. The elk that move north may be found on Biroth Ridge or the drainages flowing into Idaho (Poison, Pole, or Spring Creeks). If they move south, they will be found in Hanks Creek, Devils Armchair, and, potentially, the east fork of Beaver Creek in Hunt Unit 073. Elk in Hunt Unit 074 are usually found on Grassy Mountain or Mahogany Basin. Elk from Hunt Unit 075 will either be on the northern end of the Snake Mountains in the Jakes or Deer Creek drainages or just north of the main road on Cold Springs Mountain.

Biologist Comments:

Weather is highly variable during this hunt. This can drastically change where elk might be from year-to-year. The areas described above are where the elk tend to winter, but if conditions remain mild, they may remain at higher elevations. Keep in mind hunting conditions can change throughout the hunt, as well. Road conditions can vary from dry and dusty, to snow covered and slick. Hunters should watch weather forecasts and potentially camp at lower elevations during this time.