

Species: Elk

Unit Group: 091

Hunt Geometry ID: 148

Hunt ID: [8374831, 8375925, 8374830, 342]

Access:

Most of the area has public access. There are a few sections of private land that are well marked where hunter access is not permitted. The restricted areas are primarily spring sources on the west side of Pilot. Due to topography, vehicle access is limited on Pilot Mountain. There are also a few roads with limited motorized vehicle access on the east side of the hunt unit in Utah. It is recommended that hunters scout the area prior to hunting to familiarize themselves with access points.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Debbs Canyon, Bettridge Canyon, and Patterson Pass have traditionally provided most of the elk harvest in Unit 091 on the Nevada side. Elk are generally associated with water sources during August and September. Numerous water sources are available within the hunt unit and vary from perennial streams to small springs and artificial water developments (on the south end). Generally, hunters can develop a good picture of where to start looking for elk by first becoming familiar with a map which identifies various water sources, roads, and topographic features.

Biologist Comments:

The elk harvest within this unit has come from a variety of areas. The areas that have burned in recent years tend to attract elk as the recovering burns offer new, tender forage. One should also be aware that animal distribution may change greatly following summer thunderstorms or snowstorms. These storms are fairly common during September and can quickly change movement patterns. There is a reciprocal agreement with Utah, which allows tag holders to hunt both states around Pilot Mountain.