

Species: Elk

Unit Group: 101-103

Hunt Geometry ID: 132

Hunt ID: [626, 571, 569]

Access:

Public access is limited in much of the unit group due to private properties on the bench surrounding the East Humboldt Range (Hunt Unit 101) and the Ruby Mountains (Hunt Unit 102). Vehicle access is further limited in much of Hunt Units 101 and 102 due to two large wilderness areas. Foot access to the 32,364 acre East Humboldt Wilderness can be found on the Lizzies Basin, Secret-Starr, Smith Lake, and Winchell Lake trailheads. Foot access to the 92,652 acre Ruby Mountain Wilderness can be found on the Colonel Moore, Gardner Creek, Green Mountain, Krenka Creek, Overland Lake, Right Fork, Roads End (Lamoille), Ruby Guard, Soldier Creek, Talbot, and Thomas trailheads. Public access is excellent in Hunt Unit 103 with a healthy road network and very few private land issues. Hunting of big game species is not permitted on the small portion of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 103.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Elk within this unit group have been faced with significant, steady hunting pressure and have learned to avoid the limited roads and access points. Once the hunting season begins, elk will seek refuge in the more inaccessible areas of the unit group.

Hunt Unit 101 points of interest include First Boulder-Fourth Boulder Creeks, and the southeastern extension of the range between Pole Canyon/Wiseman Creek and State Route 229.

Hunt Unit 102 points of interest include the canyons originating from Secret Peak, and the canyons associated with Green Mountain and Tipton Peak.

Hunt Unit 103 points of interest include the area between Mitchell Creek and Cherry Springs Canyon, the canyons associated with Pearl Peak, and the bench above Fort Ruby.

Biologist Comments:

The towns of Elko, Spring Creek, and Wells provide access to groceries, fuel, lodging, and other amenities. There are numerous RV parks in Elko and Wells with varying degrees of availability and services provided. Improved campgrounds operated by the USFS include Angel Creek (Hunt Unit 101), Angel Lake (Hunt Unit 101), Thomas Canyon (Hunt Unit 102), and South Ruby (Hunt Unit 103). The associated fees, availability, and reservations can be found at www.recreation.gov. Dispersed camping opportunities are readily available on other federally managed lands throughout the unit group. Depredation hunts are intended to drastically reduce elk numbers within the unit group. Difficult hunting conditions and poor hunter success is expected.