

**Species:** Elk

**Unit Group:** 111,112

**Hunt Geometry ID:** 52

**Hunt ID:** [712, 856, 761, 8375947, 8375937, 857, 781, 8375956, 8375957, 713]

**Access:** Access is good with varying degrees of road quality. Numerous highways and county roads are found throughout these units. Some roads have been closed in Unit 111 (Duck Creek Basin) due to the proliferation of unauthorized roads in the recent past. Private lands do restrict access to hunting in parts of McDonald Canyon and Muncy Creek in Hunt Unit 111.

High clearance vehicles and extra spare tires are recommended. Hunters should watch the weather forecast, even during early season hunts. Summer thunderstorms and snowstorms in the fall and winter can drastically alter road conditions and hunter access.

Vehicles and mechanized equipment, including wheeled game carriers are prohibited in the High Schells and Becky Peak Wilderness Areas. Contact the Federal Land Management Agency responsible for the area you intend to hunt for more information.

**Recommended Hunting Areas:** Hunt Unit 111 has the largest elk population in this unit group. There are good elk densities in Duck Creek Basin and Range throughout all seasons. Early in the year, cow elk can be found in the upper parts of Cooper Canyon, Cave Mountain, Black Mountain, and the Cleveland Ranch. Late in the year, cows can be found on the Cooper Canyon Bench, Cleve Creek, Taft Creek, and Piermont Creek. There is also a growing elk herd in the Becky Peak area. Smaller numbers of elk can be found on the Taylor Bench in south Steptoe Valley.

Hunt Unit 112 has elk distributed throughout the unit, but the highest densities are on the north end on the Antelope Range. The areas around North Creek, Lookout Spring, Sharp Creek and the Stockade Spring has year-round elk use. There have been thousands of acres of habitat improvement projects and numerous wildfires that have benefited elk in this area. The area from Rock Spring Pass to Chin Creek has scattered elk. There are isolated springs and three wildlife water developments in this area that can provide good hunting, especially in the early season.

**Biologist Comments:** Private property generally does not limit access in this area. Hunters do need to be aware of private property boundaries and obtain permission before hunting or crossing private property.