

Species: Elk

Unit Group: 114,115

Hunt Geometry ID: 57

Hunt ID: [782, 8375948, 8375961, 8375960, 714, 8375931, 8375932, 8375939, 716, 763]

Access: Access is good with varying degrees of road quality. Numerous highways and county roads exist throughout these units. Some access to the east side of the unit group requires traveling from Utah on Highway 21 or the Gandy Road. A good network of two-track roads can be found with varying degrees of roughness.

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 fall and winter can drastically alter road conditions and hunter access.

Several wilderness areas exist in both hunt units. Vehicles and mechanized equipment, including wheeled game carriers are prohibited in wilderness areas. Contact the Federal Land Management Agency responsible for the area you intend to hunt for more information.

Recommended Hunting Areas: Hunt Unit 114 has elk distributed throughout the unit. During the summer, high elk densities can be found in the higher elevations of the Mount Moriah Wilderness area, including Hendry's, Hampton, Horse, Timber, Deep, and Deadman Canyons. From Rye Grass Canyon to the Little Hills, water tends to be more limited, but elk are found in proximity to water. Three existing guzzlers, livestock water developments, and natural springs can be good areas to hunt, especially during early season. During later season hunts, cows can be found from Eightmile Canyon north to White Cloud Peak (on both sides of the ridgeline), in Hampton Creek, Horse Canyon, and Smith Canyon. Scattered groups can be found in the lower parts of Coyote Canyon, Devil's Gate, and Government Peak areas.

The highest elk densities in Hunt Unit 115 occurs from Williams Canyon to Strawberry Creek. During the early season there are many elk that use the agricultural fields around Shoshone and move back onto the benches during the day. Some elk will move into the sand dunes to the west of the agricultural fields. There are also elk that summer in the higher elevations around the national park boundary. Lexington and Chokecherry Canyon on the southeast side of the unit hold cow elk, especially later in the year. The Granite Peak Ranch has elk on or near it during much of the hunting season. Elk can also be found around Sacramento Pass during all seasons, moving between Hunt Units 114 and 115.

Biologist Comments: Private property generally does not limit access in this area but hunters do need to be aware of private property boundaries and obtain permission before hunting or crossing private property. Hunters in Hunt Unit 115 need to familiarize themselves with the Great Basin National Park Boundary. HUNTING IS NOT ALLOWED ON GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK. Hunters camping at the higher elevations of Hunt Unit 114 should stay aware of changing weather conditions as early winter storms can drastically alter road conditions and options for getting off the mountain.