

**Species:** Elk

**Unit Group:** 221 - 223

**Hunt Geometry ID:** 42

**Hunt ID:** [845, 784, 609, 838, 840, 768, 481, 480, 8375941, 828, 8375950, 539]

**Access:** Highway access surrounds this unit with several county-maintained dirt roads throughout the unit group. An extensive two-track road system can be found throughout the unit group. The two-track roads have varying degree 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 the fall and winter can drastically alter road conditions and hunter access.

Vehicles and mechanized equipment, including wheeled game carriers are prohibited in South Egan, Far South Egan, and the Mt. Grafton Wilderness Areas. Contact the Federal Land Management Agency responsible for the area you intend to hunt for more information.

**Recommended Hunting Areas:** Hunt Unit 221 has good elk densities. Ward Mountain has good elk numbers. The Upper Terrace, Lion Springs, Blue Springs, Lowry Springs, and Williams Creek are all good areas to find elk. Elk will be scattered along the east bench of Ward Mountain in Steptoe Valley. The areas from Bullwhack Summit to Long Canyon holds pockets of elk. Elk densities are lower south of Shingle Pass. Elk will use agricultural fields near the town of Lund.

Hunt Unit 222 has higher elk densities than Hunt Unit 221. Early in the season elk will be in the Horse and Cattle Camp Loop, Cold Springs, John Henry Wash, and Robbers Roost Basin. Mount Grafton is another good elk area, with most of the elk being on the Cave Valley side of Mount Grafton. The Horse and Cattle Camp Loop and Cave Valley are good areas during the rut. The Mule Shoe and Grassy Mountain area will also have elk in the early season. Smaller numbers of elk can be found further south around Bailey Spring and Silver King Mountain. Later in the year, cow elk will congregate on the Cave Valley side of Mount Grafton. Smaller cow groups can also be found in Steptoe Valley and Mule Shoe Valley. During the later seasons, bulls will be in thick tree cover, scattered at all elevations.

Hunt Unit 223 holds the lowest density of elk in the hunt area. Water is limited in this unit and most elk are concentrated near water sources. Little Boulder Spring, Mustang Spring, Wheatgrass Spring, Rattlesnake Spring, and Black Rock Spring are all good areas to find elk. There are several old burns in the Pahroc Range that can attract elk.

**Biologist Comments:** The Nevada Department of Wildlife conducts postseason helicopter deer surveys which can overlap the late antlerless elk seasons. Private property generally does not limit access in this area. Hunters do need to know where private property is located and obtain permission before hunting or crossing private property. |

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