

Species: Elk

Unit Group: 222 - 223

Hunt Geometry ID: 42

Hunt ID: [8375965, 758, 8375954, 8375966, 8375953, 757]

Access: Access is good in this unit. Highways 50/6 and 93 are on the north, east, and south side of this area. The Cave Valley Road is a county-maintained road that is on the west side of Unit 222. There are numerous two-track roads branching off the main routes with varying degrees of quality.

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 Wilderness . Contact the Federal Land Management Agency responsible for the area you intend to hunt for more information.

Recommended Hunting Areas: Hunt Unit 222 has higher elk densities than Hunt Unit 223. Early in the season, elk will be in the Horse and Cattle Camp Loop, Cold Springs, John Henry Wash, and Robbers Roost Basin areas. Mount Grafton is another good elk spot, with most of the elk being on the Cave Valley side of Mount Grafton. The Mule Shoe and Grassy Mountain area will also have elk during 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.

Hunt Unit 223 has limited water 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 for elk. There are several old burns in the Pahroc Range that attract elk.

Biologist Comments: The Nevada Department of Wildlife conducts postseason helicopter deer surveys which can overlap the late antlerless elk season. 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.