

Species: Elk

Unit Group: 241-242

Hunt Geometry ID: 28

Hunt ID: [483, 540, 762, 785, 612]

Access:

This unit group can be accessed via major roads branching off State Route 319 and U.S. Highway 93, as well as State Route 317. The Crestline Road in Unit 242 provides access into the northern portion of the unit. The Beaver Dam and Elly Mountain Roads provide access into Unit 242 from the western boundary. The southern border of Unit 242 can be accessed via the Tule Flat Road. Unit 241 can be accessed via several dirt roads branching off U.S. Highway 93 and State Route 317 on the northern and eastern boundaries, respectively. The Clover Mountains contain the Clover Mountains Wilderness Area, which does not allow any form of mechanized transport, including wheeled game carts and mountain bikes.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Most elk in this area are located in Unit 242. Elk can be located in the Beaver Dam area south of Beaver Dam State Park through the Bunker Pass area, and west through Fife Mountain and Elly Mountain. Archery hunters should focus efforts glassing from high vantage points into basins with reliable water sources. Higher elevation areas may have thick vegetation cover, making it difficult to locate elk when bedded during the day. Hunters should be patient when attempting to locate animals and focus on grassy clearings or other areas with good forage. Starting in mid-September, rutting activity will begin and bull elk will start bugling and forming harems of cows. During the rut, hunters can use calls, including bugles and cow calls, to locate elk and draw them in closer. Listening for bugles is an effective strategy for locating mature bulls during this time of year. Later in the fall and early winter, cows and calves begin forming larger groups and moving to lower elevation areas. Winter range in this unit includes dense pinyon/juniper stands along the Beaver Dam Flats and Crestline areas. Glassing from high vantage points into areas with recent burn scars or vegetation treatments can increase the likelihood of encountering elk on winter range.

Biologist Comments:

Elk occur at lower densities in this unit and may spend a large amount of time on private fields. Be respectful of private property and do not trespass without permission from the property owner. Many elk also spend significant time within the boundaries of the Beaver Dam State Park, which is closed to hunting. It is recommended that hunters have adequate maps and pay attention to property boundaries when hunting near closed areas.