

Species: Mountain Goat

Unit Group: 102

Hunt Geometry ID: 133

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Access:

Public access is limited in much of the unit due to private properties on the bench surrounding the Ruby Mountains. Vehicle access is further limited by the 145 square mile USFS Ruby Mountain Wilderness. The primary vehicle access point is the Lamoille Canyon Scenic Byway that winds through Lamoille Canyon up to 8,800 feet. Foot access to the Ruby Mountain Wilderness can be found on the Colonel Moore, Gardner Creek, Green Mountain, Krenka Creek, Overland Lake, Right Fork, Roads End (Lamoille), Ruby Guard, Soldier Creek, Talbot, and Thomas trailheads.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Mountain goats inhabit the highest, most extreme, uninhabitable, and treacherous terrain found within the unit. Mountain goat summer home range is often tied to residual snowbanks and high elevation water sources. The goat use in Unit 102 is widespread, from Tipton Peak in the south to Soldier Peak in the north. Much of the historical harvest has been centered around Lamoille Canyon, which is both a testament to the high quality goat habitat and to the superior vehicular access. Hunters should be in the best possible physical shape and be mentally prepared to handle harsh mountainous terrain and weather conditions.

Biologist Comments:

The towns of Elko, Spring Creek, and Wells provide access to groceries, fuel, lodging, and other amenities. There are numerous RV parks in Elko and Wells with varying degrees of availability and services provided. The Thomas Canyon campground is the only improved campground operated by the USFS in the unit. The associated fees, availability, and reservations can be found at www.recreation.gov. Dispersed camping opportunities are readily available on other federally managed lands throughout the unit.

It is mandatory for successful applicants to attend an online or in person seminar before their tags will be mailed to them. The skull, hide, and edible portions of a harvested mountain goat must be presented to the Department for inspection within 5 days of harvesting (Refer to NAC 502.411). Successful mountain goat hunters that have their harvest physically inspected at a Department office (check in) will complete their mandatory hunter survey during check in..