

Species: Mountain Goat

Unit Group: 103

Hunt Geometry ID: 125

Hunt ID: [525]

Access:

Public access is excellent in Unit 103, with a moderate road network and limited private land. The primary vehicle access to the higher elevations is the Mitchell Creek Road. Vehicular access from the east and north is limited to the bench and lower ridgelines. The primary foot access points are the northern terminus of the Mitchell Creek Road and the end of the Indian Creek Road.

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. Much of the Unit 103 goat use is on Pearl Peak and in the canyons radiating from it. Secondary points of interest include Sherman Peak and Indian Creek. Hunters may find success locating goats during early morning hours glassing from the county road in Ruby Valley. 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, Ely, Eureka, and Spring Creek provide access to groceries, fuel, lodging, and other amenities. There are numerous RV parks in Elko, Ely, and Eureka with varying degrees of availability and services provided. The South Ruby 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..