

Species: Mule Deer

Unit Group: 192 – South Carson Range

Hunt Geometry ID: 85

Hunt ID: [331, 332, 389, 114, 861, 198, 278, 136, 197]

Access: The upper elevations on the Carson Range are accessed through Forest Service road 036, with one entrance next to the Nevada Department of Transportation maintenance station, just west of Spooner Summit on U.S. Highway 50. This road is commonly referred to as the Genoa Peak Road and runs north/south along the crest between Spooner Summit and Kingsbury Grade (State Route 207). The other entrance can be accessed off North Benjamin/Andria Drive. The U.S. Forest Service locks the gates at both ends on or around November 15 regardless of snow conditions. The Jacks Valley Wildlife Management Area is accessed through entrance gates on Jacks Valley Road/State Highway 206. In the southern portion of the unit, access to the Carson River and its associated benches is available on Leviathan Mine road. Visit www.alltrails.com or www.carsonvalleytrails.org for more information.

The cities of Carson City and Gardnerville/Minden are nearby and offer all facilities and services. There are no public campgrounds in this unit. Dispersed camping on U.S. Forest Service lands is allowed, but a campfire permit is required. Camping is limited to 14 days. Additional information is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov> or by calling 775-882-2766.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Early season archers and muzzleloaders should concentrate on the riparian areas on both sides of the ridgeline off Genoa Peak Road. Deer will frequent the higher elevations in these areas. During the general and late archery seasons, look for deer between the 6,000-6,500-foot contour, primarily out of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Try still-hunting anywhere off Kingsbury Grade/State Route 207. The southern portion of the unit along the Carson River can also be productive, as can the public lands west of Topaz Lake.

Biologist Comments:

Deer in this unit are widely scattered, even during the winter, and are at moderate densities. NDOW conducts helicopter surveys for this herd, usually in late November and again in early March. The majority of the deer inhabiting this unit are associated with the Carson River Interstate Herd. This population is cooperatively managed with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. A portion of the deer in this unit will seasonally migrate between the two states. Deer summering in California will begin to filter onto Nevada winter ranges around mid-November with the bulk arriving by mid-December. The general season coincides with the mule deer breeding season when some of the deer can be found at lower elevations. If the deer are at lower elevations during the hunt period, please be cautious about shooting around suburban housing areas. Since the units include large urban areas, many nonhunters will also be recreating. This is especially true in the Jacks Valley Wildlife Management Area where a significant number of deer will winter-over. Hunting is legal within the WMA, but because the area is popular for bikers and hikers please consider using primitive weapons only.