

**Species:** Antelope

**Unit Group:** 067, 068

**Hunt Geometry ID:** 98

**Hunt ID:** [709, 610, 8375912, 358, 743, 8375893, 500]

**Access:**

Access is good in most areas across the unit group, however there is some access blocked in the South Tuscarora Range where mining is occurring, and in the North Tuscarora Range around the IL Ranch and Spanish Ranch. Numerous roads depart directly from Interstate 80 northward into Unit 068 that provide ample access for antelope hunting opportunities. Primary access routes into the unit group are the Maggie Creek Road (Highway 766 north out of Carlin) which provides access to the east side of the South Tuscaroras, Highway 35 north from Battle Mountain to access the Izzenhood and Sheep Creek Ranges, and the Midas-Tuscarora Road (the Unit 067/068 boundary, between the towns of Midas and Tuscarora). These major access routes have many secondary roads leading into antelope habitat. Most of the antelope reside on public land administered by the BLM, however large tracts of private land exist in the southern portion of the unit. Ask permission before hunting or crossing private land and be mindful of private property marked with no trespassing signs or regularly spaced orange topped fenceposts which also indicate restricted private land.

**Recommended Hunting Areas:**

Antelope are widespread in this region. Areas that normally support the highest densities of antelope include the Rossi Mine to Willow Creek area, the top of the Sheep Creek Range, the east side of the Izzenhood Range, the lower elevations of the South Tuscarora Range and the entire North Tuscarora Range. Mature bucks may be present in all suitable habitats within the management area.

**Biologist Comments:**

Most antelope in this area live at elevations between 5,000' and 8,000' during the hunting season. They can be in habitats that vary from bench-type topography to somewhat steep mountainous terrain. This unit group contains more mountainous habitats, broken by hills or draws, than most other antelope areas within the state. This type of terrain makes spotting antelope more difficult. The antelope habitat is also vast, so antelope are spread out over a large area. The preferred habitat type is a mosaic of perennial grasses and low sage mixed with tall sagebrush, bitterbrush, or mountain brush in proximity to springs and riparian vegetation. Old fire scars, where a flush of new desirable plant species can be found, are often favorable habitats for antelope, especially those at elevations >6,500'. The towns of Battle Mountain, Carlin and Elko provide most services, whereas Midas and Tuscarora offer little to none. Make sure that you are well prepared with extra water, gas, and spare tires. Camping is dispersed and primitive across the unit group. This area is extremely susceptible to range fires so please be careful and use the utmost care to not park or drive over dried grasses. Other outdoor activities in the area include fishing at Willow Creek Reservoir, sight-seeing, and hiking. Other wildlife that may be observed while antelope hunting includes sage-grouse, mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, white-tailed jackrabbits and a variety of non-game birds and animals.