

Species: Antelope

Unit Group: 072, 074 - 075

Hunt Geometry ID: 141

Hunt ID: [744, 501, 615, 8375894, 711, 368]

Access:

Hunter access is good throughout much of the unit group. Most of the land within this unit group is public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. There is a portion of Wilderness in Unit 072. See <https://wilderness.net> and search *Jarbidge Wilderness* for more information. There are a few areas of restricted private property access in Unit 075 (mostly on the northwest portion of the Snake Mountains). Restricted areas are well marked. There is an area of no motorized vehicle access around Loomis Mountain in Unit 075, however walk in access is granted from the Winecup Gamble Ranch.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

The drainages between Poison Creek and Elk Mountain hold antelope on the northern portion of Unit 072. O'Neil Basin and Wildcat Creek areas provide habitat for most antelope on the east side of Unit 072. Browns Bench, Mahogany Basin, and Hubbard Basin areas provide habitat for most antelope within Unit 074. Tabor Creek, Summer Camp and Dry Creek areas provide habitat for most antelope within Unit 075. Antelope are generally associated with water sources during August and early September. Sources of water within the hunt unit vary from perennial streams to small springs. Generally, hunters can develop a good idea of where to start looking for antelope by first becoming familiar with a map that identifies various water sources. Small, localized groups of antelope are usually within one mile of dependable water sources when conditions are dry.

Biologist Comments:

The majority of harvest within this unit group comes from the Poison Creek to Elk Mountain area, O'Neil Basin and the east side of the Snake Mountains. Most of the hunting pressure occurs on the opening weekend of the season. Following the opening weekend, those hunters willing to continue the hunt may find antelope a little more wary but be rewarded with little to no hunting competition. Hunters should also be aware that animal distribution can change greatly following summer thunderstorms. These storms are fairly common during August and September and can quickly end an antelope's dependence on permanent water sources.