

Species: California Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 012

Hunt Geometry ID: 107

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Access: To reach Unit 012 travel north on Highway 447 to Gerlach, then north on Highway 34 to access the west side and north on Soldier Meadows Road to access the eastern side of this unit. For the most part, roads within the central part of the unit are primarily maintained. Most dirt roads are only accessible by four-wheel drive or UTV. Carry extra gas, spare tires, tire chains and water. This area encompasses approximately 250 square miles; less than 5 percent is comprised of private land. This hunt unit is predominantly made up of several designated Wilderness Areas with limited access roads between adjacent wilderness areas. Motorized equipment and anything with wheels are prohibited. From south to north they are: Calico Mountains, High Rock Lake, Little High Rock Canyon, High Rock Canyon, and East Fork High Canyon. Contact Bureau of Land Management more information.

Recommended Hunting Areas: The southern half of Calico Mountain, Box Canyon, and Willow Canyon on the northern end of the Calicos are good areas to focus on. It's also worthwhile to spend time glassing the main portion of the Calico Mountains from Division Peak north to Donnelly Peak. Other areas include rim country to the west and southwest of Chukar Gulch and east of the Buck Spring area, Warm Spring Canyon and High Rock and Little High Rock Canyons. The eastern rim from McConnel Canyon north to Little High Rock Canyon and Yellow Rock Canyon, Pole Canyon and Mahogany Canyon which all flow into High Rock Canyon should also hold bighorn.

Earlier in the season, ram and ewe groups are separated but may frequent the same water sources. Glassing around water sources can be beneficial. Use internet mapping services for big game guzzler locations. Later in the season, rams will begin to seek ewes as the rut begins in late October through mid November.

Biologist Comments: This area is remote, and it is important to be prepared for limited facilities. Fuel, food, vehicle repair facilities, and motels are available in Cedarville and Gerlach. There are no developed campgrounds. Tent-type camps are recommended. Trailer or RV-type hunters are confined to better road systems in the valley floors and are required to travel farther each day to reach their hunt area.