

Species: California Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 014

Hunt Geometry ID: 111

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Access: Unit 014 is located just north of the town of Gerlach. From Alturas or Cedarville, California, travel east on highway 299, and then south on Highway 447. Roads in this unit range from high standard dirt roads like Highway 34, to small jeep trails. Higher elevation roads get extremely rocky. Carry extra gas, spare tires, tire chains and water. This unit encompasses approximately 400 square miles with no wilderness areas. Overall, access to public land is good, although private land blocks access to the southeast side of the Unit off Highway 34.

Recommended Hunting Areas: California bighorn are scattered throughout the Granite Range and generally occur in low densities, making hunting bighorn in this unit challenging. Hunters should focus on the lower west side of the range from Clear Creek down to the southern tip of the range above Gerlach. On top of the Granites, hunters should focus on the Granite Peak area, along the major ridge systems at the upper elevations, areas near Buckhorn Peak, and the multiple forks of Negro Creek in the northeastern portion of the Range.

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: Limited facilities exist in Gerlach. There are no developed campgrounds. Hunters typically take advantage of tree cover and or perennial water sources adjacent to the area that they are hunting. Trailer or RV-type hunters are confined to better road systems in the valley floors and require farther travel each day to hunt areas.