

Species: California Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 031

Hunt Geometry ID: 100

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Access: To access Unit 031 drive north on Highway 95 from Winnemucca and either turn west on State Route 140 or west from Orovada on State Route 293. Primary and secondary road access is relatively good. Four-wheel drive (high clearance) vehicles are recommended to access most of the unit for hunting purposes areas.

Recommended Hunting Areas: The current bighorn herd exists only in the Double H Mountains. The Montana Mountain population underwent an all-age die-off in 2014-15 and NDOW is not aware of any California bighorns currently occupying this range. The west escarpment of the Double H Mountains stretching 15 miles from the head of Moonshine Canyon south to Highway 140 is where most of the rams are observed and harvested. Some sheep are being observed on the southeast side of the range near the radio tower. There are several springs within this range on the west side that sheep seem to associate with. One big game water development (Treefrog) is located on the west side that sheep frequently use.

Biologist Comments: Bighorn sheep hunting can be very difficult. Therefore, it is recommended that the hunter be familiar with the unit, physically prepared, and have all equipment associated with the hunt in good working order. Expect dry and dusty conditions during the early part of the season. During cooler temperatures late in the season hunters may observe early pre-rut behavior. No developed campgrounds are available in this unit; however, trailer hookups are available in Orovada and McDermitt.