

Species: Desert Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 173 North

Hunt Geometry ID: 75

Hunt ID: [554]

Access: This unit group can be accessed by US Highway 50, that borders the unit to the north, SR-376 to the east, and SR-89 to the south-west. There are major access roads that parallel the mountain ranges in this unit group that run north to south. Access to the Toiyabe Range exists on all sides. Since the bighorn habitat is found along the east side of the Toiyabes, the best access is from Big Smoky Valley. Many drainages along the east side of the mountain provide access on foot or horseback. Arc Dome Wilderness Area on U.S. Forest Service land is bounded on the north by Hercules Creek and South Toiyabe Peak and to the south to Pablo Canyon along the east side of the Toiyabe Range.

Recommended Hunting Areas: Most of the sheep in the Toiyabe Range occupy the east side of the range between Ophir Canyon on the north and Seyler Peak on the south. The highest density of sheep in Unit 173 can usually be found in the Seyler Peak, and Toiyabe Dome areas. This is particularly true if conditions remain warm and dry. In recent years Peavine Canyon has held fewer sheep than in years past. With the bighorn season occurring in the middle of September, sheep that reside at higher elevations will continue to persist up high with no weather conditions influencing movement to lower elevations. During the early portions of the season when sheep reside primarily at higher elevations this hunt can be very strenuous. If you are backpacking to the Toiyabe Dome area make sure you are prepared and have plenty of supplies, and gear to withstand harsh mountainous conditions.

Biologist Comments: Full services are only available in the towns of Austin, Carvers/Round Mountain and Tonopah. Generally consider backpacking or primitive camping at designated trailheads in this unit. USFS Campground exists in Peavine Canyon.

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Unit Group: 173 South

Hunt Geometry ID: 71

Hunt ID: [550]

Access: Access is not limited except for terrain features, limited roads, and the Liberty Mine on the northwest side of the range

Recommended Hunting Areas: Water is extremely limited in this area. This is a pioneering sheep population that has persisted through time. Majority of the sheep reside near Liberty Spring and Mine on the north end of the range when it is dry and warm. Sheep tend to venture south when weather conditions cool off. Consider hunting as far south as Red/Black/Lime Mountain areas. When water is not a limiting factor bighorn can be found throughout the range although the highest densities will still be residing on the north end.

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