

Species: Desert Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 182, 044

Hunt Geometry ID: 116

Hunt ID: [658] [607, 8375977, 656]

Access: The primary mountain range in this unit group is in Unit 182, the Stillwater Range. From Fallon travel east on Highway 50 for 40 miles and turn north on State Route 121 in Dixie Valley and you have access to the entire east side of the Stillwater Range. Alternatively, one can access the entire west side of the range from State Route 116 that starts on east side of Fallon, goes through Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge and continues north along the west base of the range. Unit 044 is the secondary unit where bighorn occupy the Granite Mountain/Root Spring area just north of McKinney Pass accessible from the south or from the west off Interstate 80 through Coal Canyon on State Route 396 and across Antelope Valley. Access is good to the base of the mountain but limited thereafter. Hiking will be the primary means of accessing sheep habitat.

Recommended Hunting Areas: Areas to glass and hunt are Wood Canyon, Cottonwood Canyon, Hare Canyon, Mississippi Canyon, White Rock Canyon, North Cottonwood Canyon, Gilberts Mine areas, Fondaway and Cox Canyons on west side of Stillwater Range and the Root Spring Area of Unit 044.

Biologist Comments: Hunters should be prepared for a physically demanding hunt. The area is steep and rocky. Hunters should have adequate clothing as the weather can turn bad in a short period of time. Hunting effort usually begins at lower elevations off the valley floor. Fallon and Lovelock have full services including medical services, gas, vehicle repair, food, restaurants, and lodging.