

Species: Desert Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 204

Hunt Geometry ID: 84

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Access: Access to the East Walker River ridges, hills, and canyons where the Unit 204 bighorn herd inhabits is from 2 separate routes: 1) From the northwest begin in Smith Valley, drive south on State Route 338 approximately 30 miles past Sweetwater Summit to the “Elbow” of the East Walker River; 2) From the northeast begin in Mason Valley, drive south on state route 208 through Pine Grove Flat to the old Flying M Ranch, now part of the East Walker River State Recreation Area and continue on series of 2-track dirt roads south into bighorn habitat.

Recommended Hunting Areas: Sheep are located from the East Walker River “Elbow” to the Morgan Unit (Old Flying M Ranch), a 26-mile stretch downriver to the northeast. Also consider scouting Raccoon Beach and the hot spring area on the West Walker River. Sheep are located on both sides of the river.

Biologist Comments: Be prepared for a physically demanding hunt. The area is steep and rocky. Four-wheel drive will be necessary to access some of the more remote 2-track dirt roads. Most of the hunting effort will begin from lower elevations off well-maintained roads. Hiking will be the primary means of accessing sheep habitat. Hawthorne and Yerington have full services including medical, gas, vehicle repair, food, restaurants, and lodging.