

**Species:** Mule Deer

**Unit Group:** 021

**Hunt Geometry ID:** 93

**Hunt ID:** [293, 91, 868, 110, 261, 412, 185]

**Access:**

Unit 021 is located just north of Reno, Nevada. To access the western edge of 021, travel north on Highway 395 from Reno, and utilize the several roads that head east into the unit. The eastern portion of the unit can be accessed by heading north out of Reno on Pyramid Lake Highway (445) and then turning onto the Winnemucca Ranch Rd. This unit is approximately 175 square miles; most of the unit is comprised of public land. Late season hunters should be prepared for snow and muddy roads. Road closures are in effect during the late season deer hunt in the Peterson Range and Sand Hills. Overall, access is good in this unit.

**Recommended Hunting Areas:**

Upper elevation deer habitat is characterized by mountain mahogany, bitterbrush, big sagebrush and other mountain brush species. Much of this area has been burned by wildfires over the past 20 years. Crested wheatgrass, rabbitbrush, Mormon tea, big sagebrush, and many types of perennial and annual forbs and grasses characteristic of the burned areas that deer may be utilizing. Overall, the area is open and lends itself well to the observation of deer. Hunters should focus their efforts on traditional concentration areas like Peterson Mountain, the north side of Seven Lakes Mountain, and the Sand Hills. Fort Sage and Dogskin Mountains should also hold deer, however, deer densities in these areas may be lower.

**Biologist Comments:**

Hunters should be very aware of their proximity to the California – Nevada state line border and ensure they stay within the perimeter of hunt unit 021. If hunting in the southern end of unit 021, hunters should also familiarize themselves with the Washoe County Shooting Ordinance. During many of the previous hunt seasons there have been burn restrictions in place, so please contact the local BLM/USFS office prior to your hunt to see if campfires are permitted.

All facilities can be found in Reno, which is approximately one hour driving distance from most hunt areas in this unit. There are no developed campgrounds within the unit. Hunters typically stay in Reno and commute each morning to the hunt area, or camp on the public land within the unit.