

Species: Mule Deer

Unit Group: 022

Hunt Geometry ID: 113

Hunt ID: [263, 409, 186, 869, 92, 113, 295]

Access:

Unit 022 is located just north of Reno, Nevada. The western 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. The eastern side of the unit can be accessed by heading north on Highway 447 out of Wadsworth. Access through Big Canyon on the east side, Black Canyon on the west and Cottonwood Canyon from the north are all blocked due to private land. Access is extremely difficult in this northern area and is restricted to very rough two track roads. Access in the southern portion of the unit is slightly better and consists of rough two track roads that provide access to Virginia Peak, Pond Peak and Spanish Springs Peak. Hunters are advised to carry extra gas, spare tires and tire chains when in this area. This unit encompasses approximately 450 square miles; most of the unit is public land. Three private ranches in the north end of the unit make access difficult, but not impossible.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Upper elevation deer habitat is characterized by mountain mahogany, big sagebrush, bitterbrush, juniper and other mountain brush species. Aspen exist primarily in the northern portion of the unit and provide excellent cover for deer. When compared to areas in eastern Nevada, vegetation in this hunt area is open and lends itself well to observation of deer. In the north, hunters should concentrate in the Vinegar Peak and Tule Ridge areas. Access is poor in this area and hunters should be prepared to hike off established trails to locate game. In the Pah Rah Range, access is from the west side of the range through Warm Springs Valley. Areas near Virginia Peak, Pond Peak and Spanish Springs Peak provide areas to hunt mule deer in the southern portion of the hunt unit.

Biologist Comments:

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. During many of the previous hunt seasons there have been burn restrictions in place, so please contact the local BLM office prior to your hunt to see if campfires are permitted.