

Species: Mule Deer

Unit Group: 051

Hunt Geometry ID: 99

Hunt ID: [101, 316, 273, 127, 192, 396, 877, 86]

Access:

From Winnemucca go north on Highway 95 which takes you all along the west side of the unit. Other access into this unit is off highway 290 towards Paradise Valley which both get you into the Santa Rosa Range. To access areas such as the Osgood's or Hot Springs Range, Interstate 80 to Golconda is the best route. Primary and secondary road access is relatively good. Four-wheel drive (high clearance) vehicles are recommended to access most of the unit. There is approximately 31,000 acres of wilderness area at the southern end of the Santa Rosa Range (closed to motorized vehicles).

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Traditionally, one to two feet of snow is required to move deer down from the high elevation basins of the Santa Rosa Range. Most of the harvest comes from the Santa Rosa Range and associated drainages. Areas to consider for this hunt would be the higher elevations due to the time of year this hunt takes place. The North end of the unit near Eight-mile drainage north and east offer a lot of country to look at. Also consider looking on the far south end of the range near the wilderness on some of the upper ridges from Santa Rosa Peak south to Paradise Peak. Getting away from the roads and hiking into some of that country will be a worthwhile experience. The Osgood Mountains and Owyhee Desert are often overlooked for this unit. The Osgood Mountains are very open with very few trees but can provide some opportunities for deer. Humboldt River drainage also provides some limited opportunities for deer, but hunters needs to be aware of private ground within this area.

Biologist Comments:

Creek fishing for trout is available in the Santa Rosa Range. Check fishing regulations for open waters. Chukar and other upland game seasons are generally open during the regular deer season. McDermitt and Orovada offer food, gas, and lodging. Gas and food are available at the Paradise Hill convenience store at the junction of Highways 95 & 290. Paradise Valley has limited food supplies and no gas. The Lye Creek campground, in the Santa Rosa Range, is the only developed site in the area. The U.S. Forest Service operates this primitive site (water, tables, fire pits, toilets). The cost is \$8.00 per day.