

Species: Pronghorn Antelope

Unit Group: 011

Hunt Geometry ID: 104

Hunt ID: [256, 379, 448, 730, 374]

Access:

From Alturas and Cedarville, California, access from Highways 299 and 8A. From Gerlach and Reno, Nevada, access on Highway 447. Many of the hunting areas, particularly during inclement weather, are accessible only by four-wheel drive vehicles. Many of the roads in this unit are rocky and narrow, which may require travel via ATV or UTV. Carrying extra gas, spare tires, shovels and water are highly recommended while hunting in this unit. The area encompasses approximately 600 square miles; less than 5 percent is comprised of private land. Overall, this hunt unit has great access to public land, with the main barrier to access being the limited and rocky road network.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Access to water and forage tend to be the most limiting factor for antelope during the month of August. Antelope can typically be found on upper elevation summer ranges using high plateaus and tables, as these contain important habitat components. Typically springs provide both water and green vegetation for antelope and are a good place to concentrate hunting efforts. Areas to focus on include: Holy and Crook Lakes on top of the Vya Rim, the Massacre Bench area east of Vya, Buck Pasture and the area between Massacre Lake and Fatty Martin Lake.

Biologist Comments:

Many of the roads in this unit are rough and rocky, making travel slow. Antelope will be concentrated on upper elevation summer ranges provided water is still available. Some areas within the hunt unit have thick juniper cover, which antelope will seek out for shade and cover during the hotter months of the summer.

This area is incredibly remote, and it is important to be prepared for limited facilities within the hunt unit. Fuel, food, vehicle repair facilities, and motels are available in Cedarville and Gerlach. There are no developed campgrounds. Hunters typically take advantage of tree cover and or perennial water sources adjacent to the area that they are hunting. Tent-type camps are recommended. Trailer or RV-type hunters are confined to better road systems in the valley floors and are required to travel farther each day to reach their hunt area. In most cases, drinking water must be hauled from home or the nearest town. 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.