Species: Pronghorn Antelope

Unit Group: 012, 013, 014

Hunt Geometry ID: 106

Hunt ID: [433, 737, 8375903, 458, 676, 283]

Access:

To access the unit, travel north from Gerlach and Reno, Nevada on Highways 447 and 34. From Alturas and Cedarville, California travel east on Highway 299 and then south on 34. Carrying extra gas, spare tires, shovels, and water is highly recommended while hunting in this unit. The hunt area encompasses approximately 1,600 square miles; less than five percent is comprised of private land. Fortynine Mountain represents the only large piece of private property that is off limits to hunters in this area. Overall access to public land is good.

Note: Please be aware that Unit 012 contains a significant area of designated wilderness. Motorized equipment, mechanized transport, including wheeled game carriers and chainsaws, are prohibited in wilderness areas. Contact the federal management agency responsible for this area for more information.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Water and forage tend to be the most limiting factors for antelope during the month of August. Most upper elevation plateaus or upland sites which provide these habitat components should have antelope associated with them. Areas to hunt in Unit 012 include Donnelly Creek, Willow Creek, Black Buttes to Buck Spring, Grassy Canyon, and Mahogany Mountain. In Unit 013, areas to hunt are the Table Lakes, Boulder Flat, toe slopes of Boulder Mountain, Cherry Mountain east including Clover Creek, Cottonwood Creek and Jim's Creek. In Unit 014, areas to hunt are the toe slopes of Fox Mountain, Lone Juniper Spring, Crutcher Canyon, Rocky Basin, east side of Wagon Tire Mountain, Cottonwood Creek and all three forks of Negro Creek.

Biologist Comments:

Many of the roads in this unit are rough and rocky, making travel slow. Areas that have more water available will usually hold higher densities of antelope. Some portions or the unit group can be very dry, and antelope use the upper elevation ridges and plateaus to stay cool in the summer providing water is available to them through the hot summer months.

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.