

Species: Pronghorn Antelope

Unit Group: 015

Hunt Geometry ID: 112

Hunt ID: [260, 380, 452, 668, 731]

Access:

Unit 015 is located north of the city of Reno and west of the town of Gerlach. When traveling to the unit from Reno, head north on Highway 447 until you hit the town of Gerlach. From Gerlach, the northern portion of the unit can be accessed on highway 447, and the southern part of the unit can be accessed via the Smoke Creek Road, which is good gravel. When travelling to the unit from Cedarville, California head south on Highway 447. Many of the hunting areas, particularly during inclement weather, are accessible only by four-wheel drive vehicles or ATV. Carry extra gas, spare tires, tire chains and water when hunting this unit. This unit encompasses approximately 750 square miles; less than 5 percent is comprised of private land. Overall, hunter access to public land in this area is good, however there is a very limited road network.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Water is important to antelope during the hunting season. Typically springs provide both water and green vegetation for antelope and are a good place to concentrate hunting efforts. Upper elevation summer ranges such as Willow Lake, Garden Lake, SOB Lake, middle and west forks of Buffalo Creek and Painter Flat are all good areas to look for pronghorn. Paul's Camp, Jones Flat and Boulder Flat should also be considered. During wet years, the Dry Valley Rim will also support decent numbers of antelope.

Biologist Comments:

Access in this unit can be difficult due to the very rough and rocky roads. Hunters should be prepared to get off established roads to find game. During some of the later season hunts, pronghorn will move away from roads to avoid hunting pressure. Although mature antelope bucks are available in this unit, hunters should expect a certain degree of difficulty in locating these animals due to generally lower densities. Hunters should also note that in 2020 the Poodle Fire burned approximately 1,971 acres in units 014, 015.

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, Susanville, 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.