

Species: Antelope

Unit Group: 061, 062, 064, 071, 073

Hunt Geometry ID: 138

Hunt ID: [692, 8375892, 741, 496, 335, 453, 8375904]

Access:

Hunter access is excellent with a few exceptions in isolated areas. Traveling north on Highway 225 from Elko provides access to the entire unit group. Main routes off Highway 225 would include: Highway 226 from Lone Mountain Station (providing access to the western border of Unit 062), the Charleston-Jarbridge Road (Unit 071/073 boundary), the Gold Creek Road departing from Wildhorse Reservoir (Unit 061/071 boundary), California Creek Road (western Unit 061), Maggie Creek Summit Road (northern Unit 062), and Jacks Creek Summit Road (northern Unit 062). From all these main access routes, there are numerous secondary roads with ample antelope hunting opportunities. Most of the antelope reside on public land administered by the BLM, however private land does exist within the unit group. Ask permission before hunting or crossing private land and be mindful of private property marked with no trespassing signs or regularly spaced orange topped fenceposts which also indicate restricted private land.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Areas that support the highest densities of antelope include but are not limited to: The bench country from Lone Mountain to Wildhorse Reservoir, Double Mountain to Stag Mountain, the Adobe Range, Marsh Creek Bench, the lower elevations of the Bull Run Mountains, and the J-P and Diamond A Desert along the Idaho border. Mature bucks may be present in all suitable habitats within the management area.

Biologist Comments:

Most of the antelope in this area live at elevations between 5,500' and 7,500' during the hunting season. They can be found in habitats that vary from bench type topography to somewhat steep mountainous terrain. This unit group contains more mountainous habitats, broken by hills or draws, than most other antelope areas within the state. This type of terrain makes spotting antelope more difficult. The antelope habitat is also vast, so antelope are spread out over a large area. The preferred habitat type is a mosaic of perennial grasses and low sage mixed with tall sagebrush, bitterbrush, or mountain brush near springs and riparian vegetation. Old fire scars where a flush of new desirable plant species can be found are often favorable habitats for antelope as well. The town of Elko provides most services. Limited services can also be obtained in Jarbridge, Owyhee and Mountain City. Make sure that you are well prepared with extra water, gas, and spare tires. Camping is primarily primitive except for developed campgrounds in the Wildhorse Reservoir area. This area is extremely susceptible to range fires so please be careful and use the utmost care. Do not park or drive over dried grasses. Other wildlife species that may be observed while antelope hunting includes sage-grouse, mule deer, white-tailed jackrabbits and a variety of non-game birds and animals.