

Species: Antelope

Unit Group: 076, 077, 079, 081, 091

Hunt Geometry ID: 145

Hunt ID: [372, 502, 617, 8375895, 715]

Access:

The majority of land within this unit group is public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management. There is a substantial amount of checkerboard land, where every other section is privately owned, running through the center of the unit group. Public access is granted throughout much of the checkerboarded area and private lands are typically well marked if hunter access is restricted (most of that will be associated with private meadows).

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Pilot Valley and the Granite Range presently provide the majority of suitable habitat for antelope within the 076, 077, 079, 081 and 091 hunt unit, although animals can be found in other locations in lower numbers. Antelope are generally associated with water sources, particularly during the earlier seasons in August. Sources of water within the harvest unit vary from perennial streams to small springs and artificial water developments (in the southern end of the hunt unit group). Generally, hunters can develop a good idea of where to start looking for antelope by first becoming familiar with a map that identifies various water sources. In Pilot Valley, antelope are generally found associated with the valleys on either side of the town of Montello. The north end of the Granite Range (north slopes of Gollaher Mountain) may provide some quality animals.

Biologist Comments:

Most of the harvest within this unit group has come from the Montello and Jackpot areas. Traditionally, most of the hunting pressure occurs on the opening weekend of the season. Following opening weekend, those hunters willing to continue the hunt may find antelope a little more wary but be rewarded with little to no hunting competition. Hunters should also be aware that animal distribution can change greatly following summer thunderstorms. These storms are common during August and September and can quickly end an antelope's dependence on permanent water sources and can increase their distribution across the landscape.