

Species: Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

Unit Group: 115

Hunt Geometry ID: 40

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Access: Good to fair, based on weather and ground conditions. There are numerous two-track roads off Highway 894 in Spring Valley on the west side of the South Snake Range that go to the base of the mountain. The Pole Canyon Road allows for access to higher elevations on mild years with no snow. Access to Box Canyon is available through Pole Canyon by ATV only. The Murphy's Wash Road can provide access to the south and east portion of the bighorn range. Heavy snow can limit access from Highway 894 to the base of the mountain. Tracked ATV's or snowmobiles may be necessary.

Recommended Hunting Areas: Most bighorn are found in Dry, Box, Pole, Lincoln, Swallow and Minerva Canyon's. Bighorn will rut in the top of Lincoln Canyon near the Great Basin National Park Boundary. This could be a productive area at the start of the season. Rams will winter in the lower parts of Murphy's Wash around to Silver Chief Canyon.

Biologist Comments: The late season dates of this hunt are designed to allow hunters the opportunity to access bighorn as they move off Great Basin National Park into wintering areas on BLM lands. Snow will move bighorn down in elevation. On mild winters, green-up can occur in February and bighorn will move down in elevation for green-up. Bighorn will spend a good amount of time in timber, making it difficult to locate them. Expect steep terrain when hiking.

Hunters need to know and be aware of the Great Basin National Park boundary. Hunting is not allowed in Great Basin National Park.

Vehicles and mechanized equipment, including wheeled game carriers are prohibited in Wilderness. Contact the Bureau of Land Management in Ely regarding the Highland Ridge Wilderness Area on the south end of the South Snake Range for more information.