

Species: Mule Deer

Unit Group: 194,196 – North Carson Range

Hunt Geometry ID: 86

Hunt ID: [465, 249, 350, 220, 221, 518, 318, 895, 172]

Access: The main access to Peavine Mountain is through the Peavine Road off North Virginia Street-U.S. Highway 395 in Stead. Other access points include numerous roads in the Somersett sub-division, Bull Creek Ranch Road in Verdi, and Dog Valley Road out of Bordertown. Due to ongoing development on and around Peavine, these roads may not exist in the future. Unit 194 has a few access points along its eastern flank. These include the Hunter Creek Road out of Caughlin Ranch and the Hunter Creek Trail leading up Hunter Canyon. Better access to the north end of Unit 194 is gained through Garson Road. Take the Garson Road-Boomtown exit off Interstate 80 in Verdi and go south over the Interstate. There is access through the unlocked gate onto Garson Road. This road is very rough for the first couple of miles but then winds south several miles to the Mount Rose Wilderness Area. See <https://wilderness.net> for more information. The Ash Canyon, Kings Canyon and Hobart roads are in the southern part of Unit 194 and are all accessed west of Carson City. Additional walk-in access is available off the Mount Rose highway (State Route 431). Numerous developed hiking trails exist throughout the unit. Visit www.alltrails.com for more information.

Carson City, Reno and Incline Village, Nevada, are nearby and all offer facilities and services. Additional facilities can be found in Verdi, Nevada, at the northern end of Unit 194. The only public campground is in Unit 194 at the Mount Rose Summit off State Route 431. The Mount Rose campground is administered by the U.S. Forest Service. More information is available at <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232186>.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Early season archers and muzzleloaders should concentrate on the high elevation meadows and riparian areas, especially in the Bull Ranch Creek drainage on Peavine Mountain and the north end of the Carson Range between Hunter Creek and the California state line up to 8,000 feet. Look for deer around the 6,000 to 7,000-foot contour by the late muzzleloader season and throughout the any legal weapon season, into December. Deer will be scattered along the entire eastern flank of the Carson Range, above the Truckee Meadows. Even during the later season's deer will use the mahogany for thermal cover so glass the shadows relentlessly. Snow Valley Peak in the southern end of Unit 194 offers excellent high elevation opportunities in the early seasons. Snow Valley Peak is best accessed through the North Canyon Road out of Spooner Lake State Park; however, this road is for non-motorized travel only. By November, some deer will be concentrated on the slopes above Carson City, between Ash and Kings Canyons.

Biologist Comments:

Deer in this unit are widely scattered, even during the winter, and are at moderate densities. NDOW conducts helicopter surveys for this herd, usually in late November and again in early March. A portion of the deer observed during the general season on Peavine Mountain and at the very north end of the

Carson Range are members of the Loyalton-Truckee Interstate Herd. The population is cooperatively managed with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. A percentage of the deer will seasonally migrate between the two states. Deer summering in California will begin to filter onto Nevada winter ranges around mid-November with the bulk arriving by mid-December. The Any Legal Weapon (rifle) season coincides with the mule deer breeding season, when some of the deer can be found at lower elevations. If deer are at lower elevations during the hunt period, please be cautious about shooting near suburban housing areas. Some hunters have incorporated mountain bikes into their hunt strategies. Where vehicles are not permitted, there are still roads that can be used by bikers.