

Species: Mule Deer

Unit Group: 211, 212, 213

Hunt Geometry ID: 6

Hunt ID: [429, 252, 343, 902, 225, 175, 323]

Access:

The unit can be accessed by US Highway 95 in the eastern portion of the unit group. SR-266 can be taken to access portions of the Palmetto mountains. Off-road vehicle travel is restricted on USFS lands along the east side of the White Mountains in unit 211.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Deer occur in all units of the management area. Low densities will be encountered in most areas due to limited summer habitat. Slightly higher densities are in unit 211 along the east slope of the White Mountains. The Tule Canyon/Magruder Mountain areas in unit 212, as well as the southern reaches of the Silver Peak Range and the Palmetto Mountains are popular hunting areas. While some areas in Units 211, 212 and 213 are heavily treed with Pinyon and Juniper making glassing nearly impossible, other areas are wide open desert type habitats. Very low densities of mule deer in conjunction with habitat types that do not often lend themselves to traditional mule deer hunting tactics make for challenging conditions. During archery and muzzleloader seasons, mule deer will be near water. During the any-legal-weapon hunt, mule deer will be entering the rut and bucks will be closely associated with doe groups.

Biologist Comments:

Hunting on the east slope of the White Mountains is best when snowpack pushes deer into lower elevations. Tule Canyon, Magruder Mountain, and the Palmetto Mountains receive more precipitation and have more freestanding water than most of the rest of the unit group. This area, along with portions of the Silver Peak range contain most of the deer. Full services are only available in Tonopah and limited services are available in Dyer and Goldfield.