

Species: Rocky Mountain Elk

Unit Group: 131- 132, south portion of 108

Hunt Geometry ID: [35]

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Access:

Good throughout this unit group with many roads and jeep trails. There is no private land blocking access to hunting areas. Off-road vehicles are recommended, and four-wheel drive vehicles are required on some roads especially with snow and mud. **Note:** Please be aware that sections of Units 131 and 132 are in wilderness areas. Motorized equipment, mechanized transport, including wheeled game carriers and chainsaws, are prohibited in wilderness areas. For more information on wilderness prohibitions contact the appropriate Federal Land Management Agency.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

Elk are distributed throughout Unit 131 from Little Antelope Summit in the north to Currant Summit in the south. Elk are located in Unit 132 south of Currant Summit and in the Timber Mountain to Horse Spring Hills. Much of the elk habitat is public lands administered by the Ely Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (USFS). The Ely District Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administers the surrounding valleys. There are seven wilderness areas: Bald Mountain, Currant Mountain, Red Mountain, Shellback and White Pine Wilderness in Unit 131, in addition to the Grant Range Wilderness and Quinn Canyon Wilderness in Unit 132. Elk are generally in the higher elevations in the summer and fall and move to lower elevations above Jakes and Railroad Valleys during winter. Bulls will usually be with cows during the September breeding season and alone or with other bulls during November. These lone bulls or bull groups will often be in thick tree cover at mid elevations after the rut especially when snow cover can provide water in these usually dry areas.

Biologist Comments:

The towns of Ely and Eureka have supplies and a full range of services. Lund, Preston and Sunnyside have limited supplies and services. There are no services at Currant. There are campgrounds at Illipah Reservoir and White River in Unit 131 and at Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area and at Cherry Creek in Unit 132. Most of these campgrounds have tables and portable toilets, but no drinking water. Primitive camping is allowed throughout the public lands. The Nevada Department of Wildlife Conducts post season helicopter surveys that can overlap with the Late Any Legal Weapon Bull hunt.