

**CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP  
HUNTER INFORMATION SHEET  
See unit description Unit 013**



**LOCATION:** Western Washoe County.

**ELEVATION:** Elevations vary from 4,000' at the valley floors to 8,000' at Hays Canyon Peak. •

**TERRAIN:** The terrain is typical of the Great Basin and can best be described as rugged with broken rims, plateaus and small single ridge mountain ranges. Much of the area is volcanic in origin, making vehicular traffic slow and rough.

**VEGETATION:** Vegetation in this unit is made up of big sagebrush, juniper, mountain mahogany and various native grasses. Bighorn will utilize the denser stands of juniper in this unit making them more difficult to locate.

**LAND STATUS:** This area encompasses approximately 100 square miles, of which approximately 20 percent are private. Forty-nine mountain in the north end of this unit is privately owned and off limits to sheep hunters in this unit.

**HUNTER ACCESS:** From Reno Nevada travel north on highway 447 to Gerlach. Unit 013 can be reached on Highway 447 or 34 from Gerlach. For the most part, dirt roads within the unit are not maintained. Many of the hunting areas are accessible only by four-wheel drive. Carry extra gas, spare tires, tire chains and water.

**MAP REFERENCES:** U.S. Geological Survey 1:100,000 scale metric topographic maps which give a broad overview are as follows: Gerlach and Highrock Canyon. 7.5 minute topo maps that provide the best detail include Fortynine Mountain, Big Hat Mountain, Boulder Lake, Hays Canyon and Pegleg Canyon. Topo maps are sold at the Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology at 784-6691 and Mark Fore and Strike at 322-9559. In Carson City, topo maps are available through the Nevada Department of Transportation at 687-3449. The DeLorme Nevada Atlas and Gazetteer is available at most sporting goods stores, or by calling them direct at 1-800-452-5931. Link to Map Resources.

**FACILITIES AND SERVICES:** Gas, food vehicle repair facilities and motels are located in Gerlach, Nevada or Cedarville California. There are no developed campgrounds. Tent-type camps are recommended. Trailer or RV-type hunters are confined to better road systems in the valley floors and are required to travel farther each day to reach their hunt area. Drinking water must be hauled from the nearest town.

**RECOMMENDED HUNTING AREAS FOR BIGHORN SHEEP:** Try the main portion of the mountain from Hays Peak north to Slide Spring.