

Species: Mule Deer

Unit Group: 071 - 079, 091

Hunt Geometry ID: 147

Hunt ID: [377, 880, 370, 296, 148, 208, 366, 209, 169, 168, 93, 149]

Access:

Generally good throughout most of the unit group. There is a mix of checkerboarded private and public lands, as well as large blocks of BLM and Forest administered public lands. The Jarbidge Wilderness is centered in Unit 072 and contains 110,000 acres. Wilderness precludes motorized vehicle access. See <https://wilderness.net> and search *Jarbidge Wilderness* for more information.

Recommended Hunting Areas:

The entire unit group is occupied by deer in varying densities. Unit 091 has the smallest population of deer in the unit group. Deer occupy all areas from the sagebrush foothills to the upper peaks. Major migrations occur in late September and throughout October when many of the deer leave Units 071, 072, and 073, move through Unit 075 and end up in Units 077, 078, and 079 to winter. Some smaller localized deer migrations into Unit 074 and north into Idaho are weather related and increase as snowfall increases. Unit 076 is a mixture of resident and wintering deer. The largest concentrations of deer during the Any Legal Weapon seasons are in the southeast portion of the Jarbidge Mountains and throughout the Snake Mountains.

Biologist Comments:

This area provides an opportunity to hunt a wide variety of habitat types including sub-alpine high elevations above timberline, conifer and mahogany covered slopes, heavy aspen cover, deep canyons with creeks and rivers, rolling sagebrush, and pinyon-juniper winter ranges. Deer will be in mid-elevation dense cover during the summer and then transition into lower rolling slopes as they migrate to winter range as the fall progresses.