



GMU 15A

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Species within this unit: Antelope, Elk, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Lion, Mule Deer, Dove, Quail

Unit Boundaries

Beginning at Pierce Ferry on the Colorado River; southerly on the Pierce Ferry Road to Antares Road; southeasterly on Antares Road to AZ Highway 66; easterly on AZ Highway 66 to the Hualapai Indian Reservation; west and north along the west boundary of the reservation to the Colorado River; westerly along the Colorado River to Pierce Ferry; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Hualapai Indian Tribe.

Species Information

Javelina

Overview: In 2015, a companion tag was added for junior hunters during the junior's muzzleloader hunt in 15A and 15B. Many of the herds observed during winter wildlife surveys are located in the higher elevations, frequently in relatively dense Pinyon-Juniper country. Hunters need to preseason scout areas to learn where javelina are present. Check as many water holes as you can. You will likely find sign around them even in the winter. Set up and hunt nearby. Depending on the vegetation type in the areas you hunt, glassing can be vital to success. Tracking javelina is another method that can get you close to a herd. Sitting on a water hole with plentiful sign can also be productive. Random calling with a predator or javelina call will sometimes produce a shot.

Areas: Javelina can be found in the Cerbat, Peacock and Music Mountain ranges.



Antelope

Overview: Game Management Unit (GMU) 15A/B offers both limited archery and muzzleloader hunt opportunities for pronghorn. Hunters typically use spot and stalk methods, as well as waterhole hunting for shot opportunities. Pronghorn are generally rutting during both hunts and there are typically good buck-to-doe ratios resulting in good stalk opportunities. Waterhole hunting can be highly productive if dry conditions exist. Hunters should pay careful attention to Kingman area moisture patterns and average daytime temperatures, as both will affect how often pronghorn frequent water sources. Also, competition exists among archers for the few select livestock waters, so hunters planning to use this technique should scout early to locate several alternatives.

Areas: Pronghorn can be located in four separate areas of GMU 15A/B. Truxton Flat in Unit 15A can only be accessed by using U.S. Route 66 traveling northeast from Kingman. Pronghorn numbers are highly variable in this area because of movement to-and-from the Hualapai Indian Reservation. Badger Flat is located east of the Peacock Mountains in Unit 15B and can be accessed by taking Hackberry Road either south off U.S. Route 66 or north off U.S. Highway 93. Hunters should note that pronghorn in this area often move across Hackberry Road into Unit 18A. Airport Flat is located west of the Peacock Mountains in Unit 15B and can be accessed at Petro on I-40 or by taking Grounds Ranch Road behind the Kingman Airport. Pronghorn in this area can often be located between I-40 and Grounds Ranch Road. Hualapai Valley, north of Kingman in Unit 15B, can be accessed from both Antares Road and Stockton Hill Road. Pronghorn densities are very low in this area and generally range between Long Mountain and Red Lake. Most portions of the unit are open to public access and hunters should contact the BLM in Kingman for a resource area map to determine land status, water sources, and best access routes (telephone: (928) 718-3700).

Bighorn Sheep

Overview: Unit 15B is split into two sub units for bighorn sheep. 15B West and 15B East, which also includes 15A. Temple Bar Road is the boundary for the sub units. Consult the hunting regulations for exact boundary locations.

15B West: The bighorn sheep is the showcase species in this unit. To help find that bighorn ram, a good set of binoculars and a spotting scope is essential. Consult the hunting regulations if you are drawn for this unit to determine the exact hunting unit boundaries.

A large portion of 15B West is in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area (LMNRA). Hunting is allowed in the LMNRA, except those areas posted as no hunting zones. Target shooting is prohibited throughout the LMNRA. Please obey all signs. Hunters and other visitors need to stay on the marked roads while driving. Off-road travel is prohibited. The Park



Service has maps available that show the network of backcountry-approved roads. All approved roads are signed with a yellow arrow. The black number in the center designates the road number. Vehicle camping is permitted at designated backcountry campsites. If hiking, you may camp anywhere in the backcountry. Campsites must be 500 feet off designated roads. This unit does not have a lot of roads and a four-wheel drive vehicle is recommended. Be prepared to do lots of hiking in rugged, remote terrain. It is advised to spend some time scouting and glassing the areas you will be hunting. Remember to take your trash with you when you leave.

Areas: Fortification Hill area. Take Hwy. 93 to the Kingman Wash road and follow this road until you come to Fortification Hill Road. Camping is allowed at Kingman Wash.

The Mount Wilson Wilderness Area has several different access points off Hwy. 93. Off of Hwy. 93, at milepost 13.5, is old Hwy. 93, which parallels the current Hwy. 93. This road can be taken to milepost 10 where you can get back on the current Hwy. 93. Milepost 9 is Boundary Mine Road, which will also provide access to Mount Wilson. You can also use Temple Bar Road to get to the Mount Wilson area. Get off of Temple Bar Road at the Mount Wilson Wilderness road and follow it until you get to the wilderness boundary. Indian Canyon, Canyon Ridge, and Arch Mountain. These areas are all accessed from the same road. Take Temple Bar Road to the Bonelli Landing road. Once on the Bonelli Landing road find the Cohenhour Loop road. Along this road are several camping areas. Take the Cohenhour Loop road until it forks and then take Gilbert Canyon Road, which will get you close to Arch Mountain. If you take Pope Mine Road, this will get you close to Canyon Ridge and Indian Canyon. This area is extremely remote and rugged, so be prepared to do lots of hiking. Find a high spot and glass as much of the area as possible.

15B East (15A & 15B): This unit is East of Temple Bar Road. Consult the hunting regulations for exact boundaries for this unit. The sheep hunting in this unit is in the Lake Mead National Recreational Area (LMNRA). Vehicle access is limited to the approved backcountry roads. The LMNRA approved backcountry road map #4 is available to show the limited number of roads in this unit.

Areas to look for bighorn sheep include Salt Spring Wash Road, Greggs Hideout, Spring Canyon Road, Hualapai Wash, South Cove, Grapevine Wash, and the last four miles of Pearce Ferry Road.

Since this unit has very limited vehicle access it is recommended that you have a comfortable pair of hiking boots. Find a good spot to use your optics (binoculars/spotting scope) to cover as much area as you can. Be prepared for some rugged terrain and bring plenty of water with you.



Elk

Overview: Game Management Units (GMU's) 15A and B are presently being hunted for elk in combination with Unit 18A. Hunters will find their best shooting opportunities by sitting at a watering source. Since this is part of a multi-unit hunt, hunters should pay careful attention to the Kingman area moisture patterns and daytime temperatures due to their direct effect on the increased chance that elk will be in the units looking for water. Due to the low-density populations, hunters should plan on spending a lot of time in the field scouting before the hunt. Areas: Huntable elk populations can be found in two separate mountain ranges in Unit 15 A/B. Highest elk populations will be found in the Music Mountains along the Hualapai Indian Reservation boundary fence. There is also a population in the Peacock Mountains. Hunters can use Antares Road, U.S. Route 66, and Diamond Bar Road to access the Music Mountains. To access Unit 15A from the Hualapai Reservation, hunters must obtain a Trespass Permit from the Hualapai Wildlife Department and sign in at the sign-in boxes located at the gates. For additional information please contact the Hualapai Wildlife Department. Hunters can use Route 66 and Hackberry Road to access the Peacock Mountains. Most portions of the unit are open to public access and hunters should contact the BLM in Kingman for a resource area map to determine land status and best access routes (telephone: 928 718-3700).

Private land portions of the X Bar One Ranch and CEMEX Property are closed to public access. Fort Rock Ranch has agreed to allow recreational access to its ranches under limited conditions. Ranch access passes are available through the Fort Rock Ranch Manager on a first come first serve basis. These run out quickly so hunters should reach out as soon as possible after learning they were drawn. To do so, hunters should reference the Fort Rock Ranches Landowner Compact Ranch page on the Arizona Game and Fish website to familiarize themselves with the ranch rules and how to contact the ranch.

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Hunters can use Route 66 and Hackberry Road to access the Peacock Mountains. Most portions of the unit are open to public access and hunters should contact the BLM in Kingman for a resource area map to determine land status and best access routes (telephone: (928) 718-3700).



Mountain Lion

Overview: Game Management Unit 15A/B provides mountain lion hunting opportunities. The majority of the mountain lions harvested in this unit are taken by houndsmen. However, hunters are occasionally successful with a varmint-call.

Areas: Mountain lions can be found in three separate mountain ranges in Unit 15A/B. Highest Mountain lion densities are in the Peacock and Music mountains, with lower densities in the Cerbat Mountains. Hunters can use U.S. Hwy. 93 and Stockton Hill Road to access the Cerbat Mountains and U.S. Route 66 and Hackberry Road to access the Peacock Mountains. Hunters can use Antares Road, U.S. Route 66, and Diamond Bar Road to access the Music Mountains. To access Unit 15A from the Hualapai Reservation, hunter must obtain a Trespass Permit from the Hualapai Wildlife Department and sign in at the sign-in boxes located at the gates. For additional information please contact the Hualapai Wildlife Department

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Mule Deer

Overview: Game Management Unit (GMU) 15A/B provides both archery and muzzleloader hunt opportunities for mule deer. Archers should remember they can only harvest a single deer per calendar year and a new hunting license and archery tag is required Jan. 1. Early season archers typically will find their best shooting opportunities by sitting at a watering source. Late-season archers will again find success by sitting at a watering source or by spot-and-stalk methods while deer occupy themselves with rutting activity. For both early- and late-season archers planning on hunting over water, careful attention should be given to Kingman area moisture patterns and daytime temperatures due to their direct effect on how often deer will require free water. Additionally, archers can expect to experience moderate levels of hunting pressure during both seasons with the greatest concentration of hunters near Kingman and in the Peacock Mountains.

GMU 15 offers a muzzleloader hunt. General hunters should plan on spending as much time in the field as possible due to low deer populations. Additionally, since the majority of hunters are local, hunt pressure is typically concentrated during weekends.

Areas: Hunttable mule deer populations can be found in three separate mountain ranges in Unit 15A/B. Highest deer densities are in the Peacock and Music mountains. Low densities of deer can also be found in the Cerbat Mountains.



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Dove

Overview: Game Management Unit (GMU) 15A/B provides dove hunting opportunity beginning Sept. 1. Harvest primarily consists of mourning doves with only an occasional white winged dove early in the season. Hunters typically find success during mid-morning and late-evening flights to one of the numerous livestock waters. Dove numbers typically remain strong through the end of the September season with far fewer birds being available for the second season opening in November. Unit 15A/B will again be open to all-day shooting and should give hunters lots of opportunities to take the limit of birds.

Areas: Unit 15A/B dove hunters looking for the highest concentration of birds should focus their efforts at one of the many livestock waters found in the Golden, Sacramento, or Hualapai valleys. The Golden and Sacramento valleys can be accessed off U.S. Highway 93. Hualapai Valley can be accessed off Stockton Hill Road, U.S. Route 66, or Antares Road all north of Kingman. Most portions of the unit are open to public access and hunters should contact the BLM in Kingman for a resource area map to determine land status, water sources, and best access routes (telephone: (928) 718-3700).

Quail

Overview: Game Management Units (GMU) 15A/B provides quail hunting opportunities during the general statewide quail season. Gambel's quail are the only quail species found in Unit 15A/B. Hunters will find success early in the season near livestock waters and natural springs under normal warm and dry conditions. As the season progresses and weather conditions cool down, birds can be located in draws and washes with good shrub stands. Hunters can increase their odds of finding birds with pointing dogs, although dogs aren't necessary for a good day in the field.

Areas: Good quail numbers can typically be found on the slopes and flats of any of the three mountain ranges in Units



15A/B. The Cerbat Mountains should have the best concentrations and can be accessed off U.S. Highway 93 and Stockton Hill Road north of Kingman. The Peacock Mountains can be accessed off I-40 at Petro or Hackberry Road off U.S. Route 66 north of Kingman. The Music Mountains are best accessed off Antares Road off U.S. Route 66 north of Kingman. Most portions of the unit are open to public access and hunters should contact the BLM in Kingman for a resource area map to determine land status, water sources, and best access routes (telephone: (928) 718-3700).

Unit Summary

Primary Game Species/ Hunting Month(s)

Mule Deer	October/November
Antelope	August/September
Bighorn Sheep	December

Secondary Game Species/Hunting Month(s)

Quail	October-February
Dove	September

Climate Information

Month	Avg. Temp	Avg. Rainfall	Avg. Snowfall
January	Max 52°/Min 26°	0.92"	0.75"
February	Max 57°/Min 28°	0.96"	0.49"
August	Max 91°/Min 61°	1.95"	0.0"
September	Max 85°/Min 54°	0.99"	0.0"
October	Max 75°/Min 43°	0.62"	0.02"
November	Max 62°/Min 33°	0.84"	0.22"
December	Max 53°/Min 26°	0.94"	0.70"

Other Pertinent Climate Information

Possibility for moderate snowfall during wet winter storms.



Cities, Roads & Campgrounds

Major Cities and Towns in or Near Game Management Unit and Nearest Gas, Food, and Lodging

Kingman, Truxton, Meadview

Major Highways and Roads Leading To

From the East: State Hwy 66

From the West: State Hwy 66, Pearce Ferry Rd

From the North: None

From the South: Antares Rd

Developed Campgrounds

None.

Undeveloped Campgrounds

Camping is allowed on BLM administered public lands throughout the unit.

Brief Description of Terrain, Elevation, and Vegetation

The majority of the unit is comprised of the Music Mountains, which are a southward extension of the Grand Wash Cliffs. Elevations range from approximately 1,490' at Lake Mead to 6,700' near the Hualapai Indian Reservation. Vegetation at lower elevations consists of Mohave desertscrub transitioning to pinyon/juniper and sagebrush mixed with internal chaparral.

Government Agencies and Phone Numbers

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Region III – 928 692-7700

Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office – 928 718-3700

Natl Park Service, Lake Mead Natl Recreation Area – 702 293-8920