

Non-trophy Sheep Hunting Areas 438A, 438C and 438D in WMU 438

Drawn Applicants –Hunting Information

Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division has re-described the non-trophy sheep hunting areas in WMU 438 in order to increase hunting opportunity while minimizing the risk of over-harvest of any individual ewe band.

Bighorn sheep move from alpine ranges to reclaimed mine lands in the fall, limiting their availability to hunters. The small number of ewes occupying native range during the hunting season cannot support the harvest that may be afforded by the entire ewe population. Permit numbers have been reduced in recent years to protect the viability of individual ewe bands remaining on native range.

By implementing 3 non-trophy sheep hunting areas instead of 1, harvest pressure will be distributed so that risks to individual ewe bands are minimized. We are working towards achieving the hunting opportunity that can be supported by the 350 ewes in WMU 438.

Please remember that non-trophy sheep permits have not been issued for non-trophy sheep hunting area 438B comprising the Cardinal River Coals LTD. and the Gregg River 15 year area leases.

See map below.

