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NORTHERN SHEEP COUNT---JULY 1-3, 1989

SHEEP COUNTERS:

The data from the 19th Annual Sheep Count has been compiled and is encouraging in several areas. Although the lamb count is one of the lowest, the count of ewes and yearlings is healthy and the distribution of sheep throughout the western canyons appears more widespread than in recent times. The drought of '87-'89 most likely accounts for few lambs surviving until census time. The count for Middle and Upper Willows has come back up and bighorn were sighted in Salvador and Sheep Canyons once again. Let's hope for rainfall in the coming months and see what next spring and summer bring to the desert.

Weather was perfect this year with temperatures between 111° & 118°! Sixty counters stayed the entire time without problems or injury.

I thank you all for your great efforts. You did a wonderful job.

Sincerely,

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 Naturalist

SITE	EWES	LAMBS	YEARLINGS		RAMS	TOTAL	
			M	F			
FIRST GROVE--PALM CANYON	5	0	0	1	1	7	
SECOND GROVE	12	0	0	0	1	13	
THIRD GROVE	5	0	7	3	2	17	
FOURTH GROVE	6	0	1	1	0	8	
TUBB CANYON GUZZLER	0	0	0	0	1	1	
MIDDLE SPRING	19	2	1	4	7	33	
BIG SPRING	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HELLHOLE CANYON (TWO SITES)	1	1	2	1	2	7	
BOX CANYON (LOWER WILLOWS)	1	0	0	0	1	2	
LOWER WILLOWS	4	0	0	0	3	7	
MONKEY HILL (1 NO I.D.)	4	0	0	0	1	6	
MIDDLE WILLOWS (1 NO I.D.)	9	0	2	3	1	16	
UPPER MIDDLE WILLOWS	7	2	1	1	0	11	
UPPER WILLOWS	7	1	0	0	2	10	
SOUTH FORK SHEEP CANYON	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NORTH FORK SHEEP CANYON (2 SITES)	3	0	0	1	1	5	
COUGAR CANYON	0	0	0	0	2	2	
SALVADOR CANYON	1	0	0	0	3	4	
RATTLESNAKE SPRING	15	5	2	1	2	25	
TOTALS	(NO I.D.=2)	99	11	16	16	30	174
			(32)				
RATIOS	EWE:LAMB	EWE:YEARLING	EWE:RAM				
	100:11	100:32	100:30				