

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Anza-Borrego Desert State Park  
200 Palm Canyon Drive  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004**



July 6, 1997

**Sheep Count Volunteers:**

You have completed the 27th Annual Bighorn Sheep Count! Thanks for a job well done. The weather was great for the census with highs at 112F !! As expected, we had a low count--in fact the lowest ever, probably the result of continued drought and the high level of predation between 1993-1996. Although the ewe numbers are the lowest we've ever recorded, the number of lambs is encouraging for the possible recovery of this population in the future. Thanks to each of you for your continued dedication and going the extra mile for the desert bighorn. The counts are going extremely well because of all your help with coordination, transportation, attention to detail, and watching out for one another. Great job!

<u>COUNT SITE</u>	<u>EWE</u>	<u>LAMB</u>	<u>YEARLING</u>		<u>no I.D.</u>	<u>RAM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>			
1st Grove Palm Canyon	4	5	5	0		5	19
3rd Grove	0	0	1	0		2	3
4th Grove	1	1	0	0		0	2
Tubb Canyon Guzzler	9	1	0	0		0	10
Middle Spring-Tubb Cyn.	4	4	0	1		5	14
Big Spring-Tubb Cyn.	0	0	0	0		0	0
Upper Hellhole	1	0	0	1		5	7
Lower Hellhole	10	7	0	0		0	17
Box Cyn.-Lower Willows	4	0	0	0	4	1	9
Lower Willows-Upper Site	0	0	0	0		1	1
Cougar Canyon	0	0	0	0		0	0
S. Fk. Sheep Canyon	0	0	0	0		0	0
N. Fk. Sheep Canyon	0	0	0	0		0	0
Monkey Hill	1	0	0	0		3	4
Middle Willows	0	0	0	1		1	2
Upper Middle Willows	4	3	0	0		0	7
Upper Willows	1	1	1	0		1	4
Rattlesnake Spring	4	2	0	0		2	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>107</b>

**RATIOS: RAM:EWE 60:100 LAMB:EWE 56:100 YEARLING:EWE 23:100**  
COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 4TH, 5TH, 6TH, 1997

**THANKS!**

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