



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®
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Borrego Springs, CA 92004

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Sheep Counters:

Thanks to each of you for making the 34th Annual Bighorn Sheep Count a very successful event! We thank every one of you dedicated volunteers. We were met with relatively cool weather each day, allowing the bighorn to remain higher on the ridges, not being forced to the canyon water sources. The count was fifteen lower than last year, but in some areas we continue to witness the bighorn making a comeback. All of you can be proud of the role you've had in this long-term conservation effort. One point revealed on this census is that several sites noted coughing lambs. We will take a close look at this during the Fall helicopter survey.

Hope we see you return next year for another successful sheep count.

Thanks to all of you for your valuable time, talents, and dedication to the bighorn and the park.

Table with columns: COUNT SITE, EWE, LAMB, YEARLING (M, F), RAM, NO I.D., TOTAL. Lists various sites like 1st Grove Palm Canyon, 2nd Grove Palm Canyon, etc., with corresponding counts.

RATIOS: RAM:EWE 33:100 LAMB:EWE 42:100 YEARLING:EWE 12:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY ,3rd, 4th, & 5th, 2004. High temperature for each day was 102, 103, 104° F.

THANKS to all of you!

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