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Sheep Counters:

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The 36th Annual Sheep Count was a big success. Weather was hot and humid, with a rain just as counters arrived back to base on Day 3! The count was the second highest ever at 254, with a new record of 64 observed at Rattlesnake Spring (the old record was 63 at Rattlesnake in 2004)

Thanks to all of you for your dedication to the bighorn and to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

A huge Thank You to Sharon Ritchey and Wayne Lombardo for donating all the T-Shirts---they're beautiful!!! We are also thankful to the Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute for sponsorship of this important annual census.

So many do so much and travel so far---You're all GREAT!!

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

COUNT SITE	EWE	LAMB	YEARLING		RAM	NO I.D.	TOTAL
			M	F			
1st Grove Palm Canyon	15	2	0	0	6	0	23
2 nd Grove Palm Canyon	15	2	0	2	4	0	23
3rd Grove Palm Canyon	3	1	0	1	4	0	9
4th Grove Palm Canyon	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
Tubb Cyn. Lower Outfall	(not counted)						
Tubb Canyon Guzzler	13	6	0	1	10	0	30
Middle Spring-Tubb Cyn.	4	2	1	0	1	0	8
Big Spring-Tubb Cyn.	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Upper Hellhole	7	2	0	0	5	0	14
Lower Hellhole	5	3	1	0	5	0	14
Box Cyn.-Lower Willows	5	0	0	2	4	0	11
Lower Willows-Upper Site	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Cougar Canyon	(not counted)						
Sheep Canyon N. Fork	(not counted)						
Salvador Canyon	(not counted)						
Monkey Hill	10	0	0	1	0	0	11
Middle Willows	17	4	0	1	4	0	26
Upper Middle Willows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Willows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rattlesnake Spring	31	16	8	1	8	0	64
N. Fork Palm Wash Tenaja	4	0	0	1	0	0	5
Montezuma Grade	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	130	38	10	10	66	0	254

RATIOS: RAM : EWE 53 :100 LAMB : EWE 29 :100 YEARLING : EWE 15 :100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 2nd, 3rd, & 4th, 2006. High temperature for each day was 107, 104, 108 ° F.

THANKS to all of you!

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