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Extreme Volunteer Sheep Counters:

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The 41st Annual Sheep Count is in the books and was a big success. Lots of bighorn observed and all counters returned safely. This year we tallied 329 bighorn. This is the second largest tally in sheep count history at Anza-Borrego. Last year we counted 255. In 2009 we set the record with 356. Your tremendous efforts under extreme conditions are greatly appreciated. The weather was very hot on Days 1 and 2, then on Day 3 the temperature went down to 103F but the humidity was thick and hazy.

We are very thankful to the Anza-Borrego Foundation for their sponsorship of this annual census and for providing the high quality "Extreme Volunteer" Sheep Count hats for our 41st census.

We hope to see you return next year for another successful sheep count. Talk it up with your outdoor friends, as we can use more backpackers and more count volunteers to fill other sites.

Table with columns: COUNT SITE, EWE, LAMB, YEARLING (M, F), RAM, NO I.D., TOTAL. Lists counts for various sites like 1st Grove Palm Canyon, Middle Spring-Tubb Cyn., etc., with a TOTAL row at the bottom.

RATIOS: RAM : EWE 52:100 LAMB : EWE 34:100 YEARLING : EWE 13:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2011. High temperatures for each day: 111, 116, 103 ° F.

THANKS to all of you!

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