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45 Years of Volunteer Sheep Counters:

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The 45th 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 243 bighorn. Your tremendous efforts under extreme conditions are greatly appreciated. The weather was hot and humid throughout the count. We are very thankful to the Disney Conservation Fund and Anza-Borrego Foundation for their sponsorship of this year's census and for providing the high quality Citizen Science T-shirts celebrating our 45th year. Special Thank You to Kelley Jorgensen for the design and to Pam Stanley at CALICO's restaurant for the "Year of the Sheep" cookies.

We hope to see you return next year (July 1-3, 2015) for another successful sheep count. Talk it up with your outdoor friends, as we can always 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 various count sites and their respective sheep counts, ending with a TOTAL row showing 113 ewes, 36 lambs, 14 yearlings, 70 rams, 3 no I.D., and a total of 253 sheep.

RATIOS: RAM : EWE 70:100 LAMB : EWE 32:100 YEARLING : EWE 19:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 3th, 4th, and 5th, 2015. High temperatures for each day: 113°, 110°, 106° F.

THANKS to all of you!
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