

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
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NORTHERN SHEEP COUNT---July 4-6, 1986

SHEEP COUNTERS & FRIENDS!!

Thanks! Thanks! and more Thanks! You folks did a great job! The 1986 Sheep Count is in the books and the results show some data we can be happy with. The lamb and yearling figures are the best in over a decade and the overall count total hit right on the mean for the sixteen years of censusing here in Anza-Borrego.

The weather started off cool and windy and the first day counts were poor. You all became experts at keeping a tarp up in a twenty mile an hour breeze! Seven of us became experts with the Stokes Litter when we had to respond to the first injury ever on a sheep count. George McDaniel broke two bones in his ankle and is resting fine in a cast right now. He hung in there amidst hours of sun, boulder hopping, jesting assaults, and sick stories to be driven out to the Scripps Clinic. He'll be back next year--you don't get out of a sheep count so easily! George did get to see a bighorn from his vehicle seat on the way out of Coyote Canyon!

Thanks to the many of you who happily assisted with the 1986 Sheep Count. I'm proud to work with such dedicated people and look forward to seeing you all in 1987.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Jorgensen
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SITE	EWES	LAMBS	YEARLINGS	RAMS	NO I.D.	TOTAL
First Grove-Palm Canyon	1	1	1	2	0	5
Second Grove	7	0	0	5	0	12
Third Grove	2	0	0	0	0	2
Fourth Grove	9	7	3	0	0	19
Tubb Canyon Guzzler	11	2	2	7	1	23
Middle Spring	6	5	1	8	0	20
Big Spring	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hellhole-Maidenhair Falls	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Hellhole Overlook	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridge Betw. Culp & Dry Cyn	0	0	0	0	0	0
Box Canyon	2	1	0	2	0	5
Lower Willows	3	2	0	2	0	7
Monkey Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Willows	18	4	4	13	1	40
Upper Middle Willows	2	0	0	1	1	4
Upper Willows	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Fork Sheep Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper North Fork Sheep	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower North Fork Sheep	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cougar Canyon	0	0	0	1	0	1
Deering Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salvador Canyon* (*2 days)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rattlesnake Spring	13	7	7	3	0	30
TOTALS:	74	29	18	44	3	168

EWES : LAMBS

100 : 39

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100 : 24

EWES : RAMS

100 : 59