

**COLORADO DESERT DISTRICT
ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK
200 PALM CANYON DRIVE
BORREGO SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA 92004**

July 8, 1996

Dear Sheep Counters:

You all did an admirable job of making the 1996 bighorn sheep count safe and successful. Thanks for a job well done! Weather was very hot on Day 1 @ 114 F and Day 3 was muggy with 80% humidity in mid-morning. You all deserve my heartfelt appreciation. Lambing success has declined as predicted, with only 2.4" of rainfall in 95-96. We had 56 veteran counters this year and 17 new counters—thanks to all of you for your patience and willingness to help out in so many ways. We have a great team! Our sincere thanks to NYTOL and Brice & Associates for the beautiful sheep count hats and to the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association its continued support.

Count Site	Ewe	Lamb	Yearling Male	Yearling Female	Ram	Total
1st Grove Palm Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0
2nd Grove	2	2	0	1	0	5
3rd Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tubb Canyon Guzzler	0	0	0	0	6	6
Middle Spring--Tubb Canyon	14	2	1	0	3	20
Big Spring--Tubb Canyon	0	0	0	0	5	5
Upper Hellhole Canyon	6	4	1	0	8	19
Lower Hellhole Canyon	7	2	5	1	4	19
Box Canyon-Lower Willows	4	2	0	0	1	7
Lower Willows--Upper Site	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cougar Canyon	0	0	0	0	2	2
South Fork Sheep Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower N. Fk. Sheep Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salvador-- <i>Not Counted</i>						
Monkey Hill	7	2	0	0	0	9
Middle Willows	5	1	3	0	0	9
Upper Middle Willows	6	2	0	0	1	9
Upper Willows	4	2	0	0	0	6
Palm Wash Tinajas (DRY)						
Rattlesnake Spring	3	2	2	1	1	9
Montezuma Grade	1	0	0	0	2	3
TOTAL	59	21	12	3	33	128

RATIOS: RAM:EWE 56:100 LAMB:EWE 36:100 YEARLING:EWE 25:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, 1996

THANKS!
Mark C. Jorgensen