



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®
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Borrego Springs, CA 92004

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Sheep Counters:

Thank you for making the 32nd Annual Bighorn Sheep Count a safe and successful event! The number of sheep observed this year was quite high and the lamb:ewe ratio is good. However, a number of water sources were dry so that is a concern, especially if we don't get rain soon. I really appreciate all the work that each of you did and for being flexible and patient as I tried to fill Mark Jorgensen's shoes as coordinator. Hope to see you next year and I know we'll all be looking forward to having Mark back!

Table with columns: COUNT SITE, EWE, LAMB, YEARLING (M, F), RAM, NO I.D., TOTAL. Lists 20 count sites with their respective sheep counts and a total of 196 sheep.

RATIOS: RAM:EWE 38:100 LAMB:EWE 46:100 YEARLING:EWE 25:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 5th, 6th, 7th, 2002. High temperature for each day was 105, 105, 108° F.

* These 3 sheep were observed by the Cougar Canyon team, at the mouth of Sheep Canyon, as the team was leaving on Sunday. The Sheep Canyon team had noted tracks, pellets, and an opened barrel cactus near the mouth of the canyon.

THANKS to all of you!

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