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Sheep Counters:

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You did it! The 35th Annual Sheep Count is in the books and was a big success. For only the third time in 35 years, the tally exceeded 200 bighorn. The lamb:ewe ratio is very low, after several years of good survival rates. We came up with excellent total numbers in Palm Canyon, Middle Willows, Lower Willows and Rattlesnake Spring this year. Several sites noted coughing animals, which is a concern. Thanks again to all of you for your dedication to the bighorn and to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. A huge Thank You to the Anza-Borrego Foundation for sponsorship of this important annual census!

Hope we see you return next year for another successful sheep count.

Table with columns: COUNT SITE, EWE, LAMB, YEARLING (M, F), RAM, NO I.D., TOTAL. Rows include various sites like 1st Grove Palm Canyon, 2nd Grove Palm Canyon, etc., ending with a TOTAL row showing 98 ewes, 19 lambs, 8 yearlings, 80 rams, 3 no I.D., and a total of 216.

RATIOS: RAM:EWE 82:100 LAMB:EWE 19:100 YEARLING:EWE 16:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 2nd, 3rd, & 4th, 2005. High temperature for each day was 110, 109, 109° F.

THANKS to all of you!

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