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46 Years of Volunteer Sheep Counters:

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The 46th 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 296 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 **Anza-Borrego Foundation and private donors** for their sponsorship of this year's census and for providing the high quality Summer Sheep Count T-shirts celebrating our 46th year. **Special Thank You** to Kelley Jorgensen for the design and to The Members of Sheep Count Sorority Ram Da Ram Da Ewe Lamb for the donations of Snacks and Gatorade and Cases of Aquafina Water for our counters.

We hope to see you return next year (June 29-July 2, 2017) 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.

<u>COUNT SITE</u>	<u>EWE</u>	<u>LAMB</u>	<u>YEARLING</u>		<u>RAM</u>	<u>NO I.D.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			<u>M</u>	<u>E</u>			
Lower trail Palm Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1st Grove Palm Canyon	21	5	0	1	15	0	42
2 nd Grove Palm Canyon	4	0	1	1	13	0	19
3rd Grove Palm Canyon	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
4th Grove Palm Canyon	11	4	1	0	0	0	16
Middle Spring-Tubb Cyn.	12	6	1	2	17	0	38
Big Spring-Tubb Cyn.	1	1	0	0	0	3	5
Upper Hellhole	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower Hellhole	4	2	2	0	5	0	13
Lower Willows-2 nd Xing	5	2	0	0	5	1	13
Box Cyn.-Lower Willows	27	7	2	2	6	0	44
Cougar Canyon	9	2	0	0	5	0	16
Sheep Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monkey Hill	3	2	1	2	7	0	15
Middle Willows	9	5	1	0	1	0	16
Upper Middle Willows	4	2	0	0	2	0	8
N. Fk. Palm Wash Tinajas	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
Yaqui Pass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yaqui Well	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Rattlesnake Spring	22	9	2	3	4	0	40
Montezuma Grade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	139	50	11	11	81	4	296

RATIOS: RAM : EWE 58:100 LAMB : EWE 36:100 YEARLING : EWE 16:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2016.
High temperatures for each day: 105°, 107°, 107° F.

THANKS to all of you!
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