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47 Years of Volunteer Sheep Counters:

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The 47th 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 207 bighorn. Your tremendous efforts under extreme conditions are greatly appreciated. The weather was hot 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 coffee mugs celebrating our 47th year in memory of Ranger Steve Bier. **Special Thank You** to Callie Mack and Phil Roulard for the donations of snacks, Gatorade, pepsi, and bottled water for our counters.

We hope to see you return next year (June 29-July 1, 2018) for another successful sheep count. Check in will be Thursday, June 28, 2018. Orientation will be June 16, 2018. Talk it up with your outdoor friends, as we can always use more backpackers and more count volunteers to fill other sites.

COUNT SITE	EWE	LAMB	YEARLING		RAM	NO I.D.	TOTAL
			M	E			
Lower trail Palm Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1st Grove Palm Canyon	11	4	0	3	11	0	29
2 nd Grove Palm Canyon	4	1	2	2	3	0	12
3rd Grove Palm Canyon	2	1	0	0	3	0	6
4th Grove Palm Canyon	5	3	1	0	7	0	16
Middle Spring-Tubb Cyn.	15	6	1	2	7	0	31
Big Spring-Tubb Cyn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Hellhole	1	0	0	0	2	1	4
Lower Hellhole	10	3	1	0	8	0	22
Lower Willows-2 nd Xing	6	1	0	0	3	0	10
Box Cyn.-Lower Willows	18	6	0	2	6	0	32
Cougar Canyon	11	8	1	0	5	0	25
Sheep Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monkey Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Willows	3	1	1	0	4	1	10
Upper Middle Willows	6	2	0	0	0	0	8
N. Fk. Palm Wash Tinajas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yaqui Pass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yaqui Well	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rattlesnake Spring*	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Montezuma Grade	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	92	36	7	9	61	2	207

RATIOS: RAM : EWE 66:100 LAMB : EWE 39:100 YEARLING : EWE 17:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JUNE 30, JULY 1st, and 2nd 2017. High temperatures for each day: 109°, 109°, 108° F.

*Rattlesnake Spring dry no count except hike in/out.

THANKS to all of you!
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