



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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**Sheep Counters:****July 5, 2009**

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Sheep Count was a record-breaking success. Lots of bighorn and all counters returned safely. This year we tallied **354** bighorn, busting the old record of 299. Last year we counted 261. You all do so much and travel so far---You're GREAT and we sincerely thank you!!

The weather was hot and perfect for sheep counting, with clear and broiling the norm for all sites.

A huge **Thank You to Ranger Steve Bier** for helping purchase all the cold sodas and bottled water!!!

We are also thankful to the **Anza-Borrego Foundation** for sponsorship of this important annual census.

**We hope to see you return next year for another successful sheep count. Bring a friend!!**

<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>F</u>			
1st Grove Palm Canyon	24	7	1	3	5	0	40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grove Palm Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Grove Palm Canyon	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
4th Grove Palm Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tubb Canyon Guzzler	14	3	1	1	1	0	20
Middle Spring-Tubb Cyn.	28	3	3	1	9	0	44
Big Spring-Tubb Cyn.	1	0	0	0	4	0	5
Upper Hellhole	4	1	1	0	2	0	8
Lower Hellhole	10	3	3	3	5	0	24
Box Cyn.-Lower Willows	16	5	2	4	8	0	35
Lower Willows, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Crossing	3	2	1	0	10	0	16
Cougar Canyon		(not counted)					
Sheep Canyon		(not counted)					
Salvador Canyon		(not counted)					
Monkey Hill	20	0	0	1	1	0	22
Middle Willows	25	11	3	1	10	0	50
Upper Middle Willows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Willows		(not counted)					
N. Fk. Palm Wash Tenajas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yaqui Well-Pinyon Ridge	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rattlesnake Spring	42	22	3	5	16	0	88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>354</b>

RATIOS:      RAM : EWE 38:100      LAMB : EWE 30:100      YEARLING : EWE 20:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 3rd, 4 th, 5th, 2009.  
 High temperatures for each day: 107, 108, 108 ° F.

**THANKS to all of you!**

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**Steve Bier, State Park Ranger**  
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