

Veteran Sheep Counters:

July 4, 2010

The 40th Anniversary Sheep Count is in the books. Lots of bighorn observed and all counters returned safely. This year we tallied **255** bighorn. Last year we counted 354. You all did a superb job and your efforts in the summer heat are greatly appreciated. The weather was hot on Day One and moderate the other two days. One site in Lower Tubb Canyon spotted a mountain lion through the spotting scope, which is a rare observation for the sheep count!

We are thankful to the **Anza-Borrego Foundation** for their sponsorship of this annual census and for providing the beautiful stainless steel travel mugs for our 40th anniversary census. We also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Adventure 16** for providing water bottles and sunscreen to each counter.

We hope to see you return next year for another successful sheep count.

<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	2	1	0	0	3	0	6
2 nd Grove Palm Canyon	2	0	0	1	1	0	4
3rd Grove Palm Canyon	18	2	4	4	6	0	34
4th Grove Palm Canyon	1	0	0	0	7	0	8
Tubb Canyon Guzzler	4	0	0	0	12	0	16
Middle Spring-Tubb Cyn.	5	2	0	0	12	0	19
Big Spring-Tubb Cyn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower Water Outfall—Tubb	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Upper Hellhole	10	2	1	0	3	0	16
Lower Hellhole	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Box Cyn.-Lower Willows	20	4	1	1	15	0	41
Lower Willows, 2 nd Crossing	3	0	0	0	9	0	12
Monkey Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Willows	13	7	2	2	5	1	30
Upper Middle Willows	7	2	0	0	2	0	11
N. Fk. Palm Wash Tenajas	1	0	0	1	2	0	4
Yaqui Well-Pinyon Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rattlesnake Spring	22	15	2	2	9	0	50
Montezuma Grade	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	109	35	10	11	88	2	255

RATIOS: RAM : EWE 81:100 LAMB : EWE 32 :100 YEARLING : EWE 19 :100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 2nd, 3rd, 4 th, 2010.
High temperatures for each day: 110, 103, 102 ° F.

THANKS to all of you!

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