



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
 Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
 200 Palm Canyon Drive
 Borrego Springs, CA 92004
 760 767-5311 Fax 760 767-7492

Ruth G. Coleman, *Director***Sheep Counters:****July 6, 2008**

The 38th Annual Sheep Count was a great success. Lots of bighorn and all counters returned safely. You all do so much and travel so far---You're all GREAT and we sincerely thank you!! The weather was hot and perfect for sheep counting, but unfortunately for us the humidity arrived early. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to the bighorn and to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. A huge **Thank You to Nancy Estes** for donating all the cold sodas and bottled water!!! We are also thankful to the **Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute** for sponsorship of this important annual census, and for the beautiful Anza-Borrego book by Ernie Cowan, provided to each sheep count volunteer. **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>			
Lower Trailhead Site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1st Grove Palm Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 nd Grove Palm Canyon	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
3rd Grove Palm Canyon		(not counted)					
4th Grove Palm Canyon	13	1	0	1	15	0	30
Tubb Canyon Guzzler	4	0	0	0	4	0	8
Middle Spring-Tubb Cyn.	10	5	0	1	7	0	23
Big Spring-Tubb Cyn.	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Upper Hellhole	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower Hellhole	5	2	0	0	1	0	8
Box Cyn.-Lower Willows	17	2	0	3	9	0	31
Lower Willows-Upper Site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cougar Canyon		(not counted)					
Sheep Canyon N. Fork		(not counted)					
Salvador Canyon		(not counted)					
Monkey Hill	7	1	0	1	1	0	10
Middle Willows	26	11	2	3	7	5	54
Upper Middle Willows	3	5	0	3	2	0	13
Upper Willows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rattlesnake Spring	35	22	13	2	4	2	78
TOTAL	123	50	15	14	52	7	261

RATIOS: RAM : EWE 42:100 LAMB : EWE 41:100 YEARLING : EWE 24:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 4th, 5th, 6TH, 2008.
 High temperatures for each day: 103, 107, 111 ° F.

THANKS to all of you!

Esther S. Rubin, Conservation Biology Institute
Mark C. Jorgensen, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park