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Extreme Volunteer Sheep Counters:

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The 48th Annual Sheep Count is in the books and was a big success. Lots of bighorn observed, experiences had, and all counters returned safely. This year we tallied 225 bighorn! Your tremendous efforts under extreme conditions are greatly appreciated. We are very thankful to the **Anza-Borrego Foundation** for their sponsorship of this annual census and for providing the Sheep Count bumper stickers and journals for our 48th census. Thank you to **Mark Jorgensen, Park Ranger Carina Hammang,** and **Department of Fish and Wildlife Environmental Scientist Janene Colby** for their technical expertise and training skills. Special Thanks to Sheep Count volunteers, **Phil Roullard and Callie Mack,** for supplying the drinks and snacks that refreshed you when you checked back in on Sunday.

We hope to see you return next year (July 4- 7, 2019) for another successful sheep count. Talk it up with your outdoor friends, as **we can use more backpackers and more count volunteers to fill other sites.**

COUNT SITE	EWE	LAMB	YEARLING		RAM	NO I.D.	TOTAL
			M	F			
Lower Trail Palm Canyon	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
1 st Grove Palm Canyon	7	1	2	2	5	0	17
2 nd Grove Palm Canyon	16	0	3	1	15	0	35
3 rd Grove Palm Canyon	9	4	1	1	1	0	16
4 th Grove Palm Canyon	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
Upper Hellhole	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
Lower Hellhole	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Middle Spring-Tubb Canyon	5	1	0	3	5	0	14
Big Spring-Tubb Canyon	9	1	0	1	0	0	11
2 nd Crossing Coyote Creek	4	0	1	1	2	0	8
Box Canyon-Lower Willows	18	2	0	1	3	0	24
Cougar Canyon	16	4	2	1	4	0	27
Sheep Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monkey Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Willows	9	4	2	1	1	0	17
Upper Middle Willows	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
Rattlesnake Spring	13	8	0	1	3	10	35
Yaqui Pass	No	Count					
Yaqui Well-Pinyon Ridge	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
N. Fork Palm Wash Tenajas	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	116	27	11	13	48	10	225

RATIOS: RAM: EWE 41:100 LAMB: EWE 23:100 YEARLING: EWE 21:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JUNE 29th, June 30th & July 1st, 2018. High temperatures for each day: 98, 100, 102 ° F.

THANKS to all of you!

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