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The 42nd 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 273 bighorn, down from last year's count of 329. A lack of water in part of the range may have contributed to the lower numbers. The tremendous efforts of our volunteers 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 high quality "It's a Dry Heat" Sheep Count Coolers for our 42nd census. Special Thanks to Evan Jorgensen for supplying the Art Work, and to Fred Jee for supplying the drinks and snacks for the count.

We hope to have even more volunteers next year (July 4- 7, 2013) for another successful sheep count. We could use more backpackers and count volunteers at other sites.

Table with columns: COUNT SITE, EWE, LAMB, YEARLING (M, F), RAM, NO I.D., TOTAL. Lists various count sites and their respective sheep counts, totaling 273.

RATIOS: RAM : EWE 54:100 LAMB : EWE 36:100 YEARLING : EWE 23:100

COUNT CONDUCTED ON JULY 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2012.
High temperatures for each day: 105, 107, 111 ° F.

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