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May 17, 2017

CALLING ALL SHEEP COUNTERS:

We hope you're able to join us for the 47th Annual Bighorn Sheep Count at Anza-Borrego! As you may know, we lost our beloved Ranger Steve Bier in March and we are transitioning to a new Sheep Count Team for the future. We were unable to find the master sheep count mailing list, so if you know of other counters we may have missed, please forward this to them and have them send their email address to us at (AB.Sheepcount@parks.ca.gov).

We will be **dispersing to count sites on Thursday afternoon, June 29th, and conducting the count on Friday, June 30th, Saturday July 1st, and Sunday, July 2nd.** On Thursday, we will meet at the Palm Canyon Maintenance Shop between 1-3PM for check in and dispersal. We will expect you back at the shop by 3PM on Sunday to compile count data and get you headed home.

The orientation, **mandatory for all first-time counters** and highly recommended for veterans, will be conducted at the University of California, Irvine Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center (located at 401 Tilting T Drive, Borrego Springs, CA, 92004) on **Saturday, June 17th from 9AM-1PM**. We know many of you have counted bighorn for years, but we can all use a refresher. The orientation will cover bighorn natural history, census methods, desert safety, and site assignments.

We hope you can assist us with the annual sheep count. Thank you for your interest and dedication. Sheep population numbers in the Park are estimated at about 500, and totals for the entire Peninsular Ranges are at about 900 sheep.

Please use the **RSVP** form on Page 2 to let us know if you'll be able to help this year. As always, we need willing backpackers, and we need four wheel-drive vehicles to help get volunteers into some of the count sites. Hope you can help us again this year.

Sincerely,

Kathy L. Dice, Superintendent III
Sheep Count Coordinator for 2017
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Mark C. Jorgensen
Volunteer Sheep Count Coordinator

2017 Sheep Count RSVP Form
RSVP with this form by Monday, June 12, 2017

Email to: AB.Sheepcount@parks.ca.gov

Mail to: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Attn: Sheep Count
200 Palm Canyon Dr
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

Fax to: (760) 767-7492

- I can be on the Sheep Count all three days- June 30-July 2
- I will be at the Sheep Count Orientation on June 17 (Mandatory for first time counters)
- I have been on the Sheep Count in the past
- I have a **4WD** and will help transport _____ others
- I request the following partners: _____, _____
- I request the following count sites: _____, _____
- I will accept an assignment which requires backpacking. **We need backpackers!**
- I would like to reserve a campsite in Borrego Palm Canyon
- I would like a room at the Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center
For information on lodging, call 760-465-2656
 - Dorm Room: \$18/night for _____ nights
 - Efficiency Room: \$27/night (\$37 for two people) for _____ nights

**Make checks payable to Anza-Borrego Foundation and drop off/mail to:
ABF Sheep Count
PO Box 2001
587 Palm Canyon Dr, Suite 111
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____

In case of emergency during the sheep count, please notify:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

