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6/15/76 to  
9/1/77

WARM SPRINGS BURRO -  
BIG HORN SHEEP FIELD  
JOURNAL

15 JUNE 1976  
to Sept 1, 77

6/1/78

Milt —

Material that  
Dhmart's office  
sent along with  
the returned "contract"  
equipment, as  
per our phone  
conversation —

Dmice

15 June 76  
10:30 AM

First trip to warm spgs. by ground.  
Sighted 3 groups of burros. (A) Two  
burros down Warm springs wash  
About 2 miles from the springs, sex  
and age undetermined. (B) Jenny and  
colt at lower water hole (W.S.) Brown  
color (C) Group of six approx.  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile  
N. of upper water hole, sex and  
age undetermined. On the way out (12:00)  
Sighted 6 more burros 3 jennies (2  
w/ colts) and an additional burro  
sex undetermined, sighted in warm  
spgs wash approx.  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi. SE of  
warm spgs (lower hole). Did not  
treat these as a different sighting  
from A,B & C above because they  
may have been the same burros  
in sighting C. One burro (jenny)  
in the group was unique in that  
its head and neck was a rusty  
red, the rest of the body was pale  
grey. Sighting # (A) was to far  
~~to~~ went to date street.

16 June 76

Will go into warm spgs w/ OHMARE,  
Weaver (AGEF) and others, to meet  
Chopper to attempt to collar  
(hopefully) 5 sheep.

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7:00 pm - drugged one Jack (Brown,  
9+ years) and collared w/ horizontal

~~B~~ Blue & yellow color collar, was running w/ 3 jennies w/ 3 colts.

17 June 76 - ~~6:30~~ AM drugged ewe, <sup>w/lamb</sup> approx.  
8 yrs. Sighted approx. 20 sheep  
total. On ~~west~~ west side of W.S. Butts,  
Time: 8:00 collared another ewe <sup>(w/lamb)</sup>  
5 yrs. Collared w/ Red collar <sup>chain?</sup> on  
the North edge of Warm Spgs. Butts.  
Time: 10:30 AM collared another ewe  
2½ yrs old. with yellow collar.  
On south edge of Warm Spgs.  
Butts had lamb with her,  
Collar channel 10 A. She had  
2 permanent canisors.

8 June? Flid 1 hour more of helicopter  
time in an attempt to locate  
2 adult Rams to put radio  
collars on. Did not find the  
Rams.

6:30 Sighted Horizontal Blue & Yellow  
collar collar Jack, was running  
with 2 Jennies & one  $\frac{3}{4}$  grown  
One of the jennies was Red head  
and the other was pregnant and  
had the  $\frac{3}{4}$  grown colt.

28 June -  
in Phoenix making  
burro collars.

21 June 76

5:30 AM - Start in  
to scout McHeffy Butte  
Rd. One mile up McHeffy  
Butte road discovered remains  
of burro, which has been  
dead for quite awhile, cause  
of death unknown. Collect  
fecal sample.

7:45 AM - Sighted 1 burro, JACK  
and grey, adult in wash at the  
end of McHeffy Rd. See Red  
Note book.

11:00 AM - Sighted one  
grey, adult JACK alone  
at ~~water hole~~. At 11:20 AM  
6 unidentified borros. Approached  
Spgs. The JACK (alone) first  
at Spgs. Started browsing  
and ran toward the approaching  
group. 3 immediately turned  
and ran away (Jacks?) The  
single JACK chased them  
for approx.  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile. At  
11:30 AM another burro  
approached the spg. The  
JACK also chased it off.  
In the mean time the  
other 3 (Jennies?) in the  
first group of 6 drank water, and left. Then the

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first three that the jack chased away came back and drank without any confrontation from the agonistic jack.

3 July 1976

Drove up to warm spgs w/ Rick Prigge to stay until Monday (5 July) we arrived  $\approx$  9:00 PM at night and set up camp

4 July 1976

Started at 5:00 AM and drove back to water #16<sup>th</sup> observed 14 burros there. We picked up Channel 4 sheep which was obviously very near water #2 did not actually observe her up eyes

At 7:00 pm drove road into warm spgs. and observed a total of 39 burros all of which bleats were either at the water hole or heading towards it. This makes a total

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of 55 different burros  
observed today.

5 July 1976

Took brief survey of warm  
springs area. SAW Horizontal  
Blue/Yellow again in same  
area where dotted; here was  
not w/ any others (6:00 AM)  
Returned to Topock early as  
Prigge had to go back today.

8 July 1976

Investigated Tipperry Mine Rd.  
Made good progress up rd. w/  
Truck. And then went to near  
base of North Butte w/ bike  
Next day. Got late start  
didn't observe any animals.

9 July 1976

Scouted North pass area found  
that I could do well on foot.  
Range appears fair w/ good  
stand of Bromus. Observed  
numerous burros in area  
but NO sheep. Did see fresh  
tracks, however. Climbed grassy

10 July 1976

July 20. North Butte area.

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again, nearly reached atop  
observed numerous boxes  
but no sheep either by sight  
or receiver

13 July 1976 - First doses. of Adult  
Went up South McHaffy Rd. Ram.  
Reached camp @ 7:30 A.M.  
left and surveyed ~~the~~ <sup>for</sup>  
middle Butte area. Climbed to the  
<sup>BADGER</sup> top. Discovered New sheep (water  
3). Located (just North ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mile))  
of White Finger Point. Observed  
numerous sheep. Observed one 2-3  
year old ram w/  $\frac{1}{2}$  curl, also  
observed 3 other yearling rams.  
Much sheep activity near ~~the~~ Sull  
Pass, area, also burns observed  
win. Also picked up channel  
7A confirmed color AS. Red. Also  
picked up channel #4A, very  
close (bottom of Booth Pass) but  
didn't actually observe. Returned  
to camp at 6:00 p.m. (10 hour day)  
and very hot

14 July 1976

<sup>Badger</sup>  
<sup>+ columbine</sup> Took 5 gallons of water to  
end of bike trail (up S. McHaffy Rd.)  
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Staked out water #2 until 11:00 AM  
Returned to bike via mattock sap

16 July 1972

Went in to warm spgs. Arrived  
approx. 8:00 pm. Weather  
cloudy with occasional drizzle

17 July 1972

Surveyed North of Warm Spgs.  
Went up warm spgs. canyon  
Sighted 40 sheep on East face  
of North Butter. Weather was  
cloudy w/ occasional drizzle.

18 July Went up East Warm  
spgs. w/ shovel. Sighted 6 Deer  
(Cervus) w/ numerous burros.  
Weather was cloudy w/ occasional  
drizzle. Returned home approx.  
11:00 pm.

21 July 1972  
Went up South McHeffy  
Road. Set camp approx. 7:00 AM  
and then surveyed Water #3  
area.

22 July 1972  
Timbered part of the spur

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Came down Water #3 area.

Sighted 26 sheep. Sighted

2 Adult rams w/ herd of

20 ewes and lambs ~~were~~

at Water #3. also at

water hole were 3 burros.

While the burros approached

water hole (about 12:00 pm) <sup>noon</sup>

the sheep which were

drinking moved off while

the burros drank. The

sheep stayed in the area

bedded down and intermittently

drank at the water hole. No

direct interaction between

the two species was observed.

Left back to camp and

planned to stay another

night but was wired out

about 11:00 pm because

of threatening thunder

storms.

31 July 1971

Went up Upper Mancos

Rd observed 8 burros

on the way in 7:00 pm.

1 Aug 1971

Surveyed north end of

North Mtns. Observed 24 fall

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dark rain at base of  
North Holte and several  
burros. Was slight signs  
of recent rain (light) but  
observed ~~not~~<sup>heard</sup> actual standing  
water. Heard burros from  
nowhere in ~~the~~ canyon bottom  
of North Holte, I think.  
I am getting down with a  
cold as I feel warmer,  
sickly will go back to  
camp and rest and try  
again tomorrow. (It looks  
like a week too warm  
and get beaten up in  
catfish paradise and I am  
rather depressed about losing  
that time in town) ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> ~~nothing~~<sup>etc.</sup>

2 Aug 1976

At 7:45 AM observed 2 adult  
rams (3/4 full out) engaging in  
battle. Observed them engaged  
continuously in this behavior until  
10:00 AM.

Behavior was as follows:

- ① Grapple each other with necks
- Stretched horns up as blow  
each other with front legs
- ③ Each steps about 10 paces  
away usually bend down to

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more or less. Then at a precise moment each would rear up on hind legs and then charge butting each other with much force with horns. Immediately following clash they would assume a frozen neck stretched position for approx. 15+ seconds then they would resume front feet sawing constantly growling at each other. In the interim between sawing (possibly) each other and butting they would stop feeding. They were so preoccupied with this fighting behavior I was actually able to walk up in their vicinity to about 50' feet from them at which time they would slink away and resume their fight. Other behavior included much rubbing of horns on shrubs and shrub sawing each other (at about 15' away) with necks stretched and head lowered horizontally. Often when they passed away and you let them go they would instead of clashing they would stop before reaching horns.

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Both had 36 - 38" ears. One  
had a thicker set w/ them  
and seemed somewhat white.  
The other had thinner horns  
w/ very little browning and  
somewhat sharper points. I  
have no honest idea who was  
winning, however the one  
with browned ears was constantly  
leading the way when movement  
was observed, whether this  
was an indication of giving  
up ground or being the more  
dominant I do not know, the  
shape pointed one however did  
follow until they (after 3 hours)  
both escaped from view. The  
fight still continued however  
as I could still hear their  
constant growling and clashing.

5 Aug 1976

Went up S. McHeffy Rd., left early  
(5:00 AM) and was on foot by 6:30 AM  
Surveyed south of Water #3 saw  
2 Ternies and a  $\frac{3}{4}$  cord Ram. Went  
to south end of South bitter Water  
#1 is very thick w/ algae and  
smell of ~~rotted~~ manure. Saw 12  
many sheep or deer track but

few fresh burro tracks. Completely  
surveyed south of Water 1 and  
didn't see any more burros nor  
did I hear any, I believe  
they may have moved out  
of this area for a while.

The south end area of  
S. Butte shows indications  
of recent rains as much  
green growth, especially ocotillo.  
~~stepped down~~ Another x! v<sup>z</sup> z<sup>h</sup> snake today.

6 Aug. 1976

Scouted wash running north  
east of S. McHaffy Camp. Got  
up to about 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mi. of location  
where I observed the Ram  
fight on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Aug. Climbed  
peaks north of Water #3 and  
observed water hole and surrounding  
area.

10 Aug 1976

Went to warm springs, arrived  
late (10:30 AM) so will wait until  
late afternoon to scout area north  
of Warm Spgs. Sighted 18  
burros at East Warm spgs. 13.  
At same time 2:00 pm picked  
up channel (?) somewhere up  
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11 Aug 1976

Climbed to top of middle butte, took 2½ hours to reach top at a slow but constant pace. Sighted 3 sheep on top of middle butte. And several sheep including adult ram w/ ewes and lambs coming through pass later. Population was observed. Sighted numerous burros including Jenny in esterous around 6:00 pm.

12 Aug 1976

Went up East Warm Spgs Wash and climbed to top of mesa, sighted numerous burros. Also observed Hawks in BLM Helicopter flying in area.

~~13-14 WENT TO TEMPE TO SEE OHMART~~

14 Aug 1976

Drove up to Warm Spgs. to meet Hawks w/ BLM Helicopter. Sighted numerous Geese, Burros & sheep in area. South & East to Goodo, North to Alkali Spgs. and

Then around water #3.  
Surveyed lower warm  
spgs later on foot.

25 Aug 1976

Went north of warm spgs.  
Up to top of mesa. Observed  
numerous burros. Evening  
went to lower water at  
warm spgs., observed numerous  
burros.

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26 Aug 1976

Surveyed upper water,  
sighted sheep at middle  
pass, included was chan.?

1 Sept 1976

Drove up to warm spgs.,  
arrived  $\approx$  5:00 AM. Observed  
several burros around spgs  
including an <sup>18"</sup> foal  
looking jack!!

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2 Sept 1976

Surveyed wash north of warm  
spgs. Sighted blue/yellow Jack  
and several others engaged in  
baiting behavior, centered  
around a grey catious jenny,

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3 Sept 1976

Rick Prigge arrived late,  
drove up S. McHeffy rd.  
arrived approx 12:00 midnight.

4 Sept. 1976

Woke up early and took  
bike up Dead Buck Wash.

Observed several sheep including  
2 Adult Rams engaged in  
agonistic behavior, also included  
lamb. 7 with receiver. Drove  
back to Topock late in  
afternoon to take care  
of social obligations will  
drive pack out Sunday  
and stay until Monday.

5 Sept 1976

Drove out S. McHeffy Rd.  
Set up camp. At 11:30 pm  
got chased out by much rain.  
flash floods!!

6 Sept 1976

Woke up early and again  
went up S. McHeffy Rd. Sighted  
1 Ram w/ ewe, came back around  
12:00 NOON.

10 Sept. 76

OMMART ARRIVED, DROVE IN TO WARM SPRGS. TO MEET HELICOPTER ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup>. WEATHER BAD, RAINING CONSIDERABLY.

11 SEPT 76

NO HELICOPTER, DUE TO EMERGENCY IN BULLHEAD CITY. WILL ATTEMPT TO DART BURROS AROUND WARM SPRGS. AREA, HOPING TO GET HELICOPTER LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW. NO HELICOPTER TODAY OR TOMORROW, PACKED UP AND HEADED FOR HOME.

13 SEPT 76

TOOK Family And went up S. McHeffy Rd. Arrived approx. 9:00 PM..

14 Sept 76

Took bike up DEAD BUCK WASH AND SURVEYED WATER H3 AND AREA. SIGHTED SEVERAL BURROS, ONE WAS ON STEEP SLOPE WHERE SIGHTED SHEEP ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPT.

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15 Sept. 76

Surveyed area immediately around McHuffy butte Spgs. And then drove home.

16 Sept. 76

Will meet OHMART Around 5:00 pm And then drive out to Warm Spgs. to meet helicopter and attempt to collar two adult rams on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

17 Sept. 76

Helicopter arrived at day-break. Sighted sheep on ridge (west most end) that runs west of Water #3 and south of dead Buck wash. Collared one  $4\frac{1}{2}$  yr ( $\frac{1}{2}$  curl) Ram with chan. 8A (Green). Attempt to collar another  $3\frac{1}{2}$  - full curl Ram, but didn't score.

21 Sept. 76

Left trailer and went up S. McHuffy Rd. Sighted burros 1 mile south of S. McHuffy Rd. Collected sample. Will continue up DEAD BUCK WASH with bike and survey area.

22 Sept. 76

Went up DEAD BUCK WASH, climbed to top of South Butte. Sighted CHAN. 8A AT BASE OF PASS Point, also picked up CHAN 4 (No sighting) over near Round Knob.

24 Sept. 76

Meet Prigge AND drove to Warm Spgs. Rained all night at warm Spgs. Much Rain. Flash flooding.

25 Sept 76

Prigge & I walked up middle Pass sighted 3 RAMS AND 1 ewe w/ 2 !! lambs. Two RAMS were  $\frac{3}{4}$  - full curl and were engaged in battle. Other Ram was  $\frac{1}{2}$  curl but not Chan 8A. Left for home today due to more Rain

28 Sept. 76

Drove up Tipperry Mine Wash (very washed out) made camp. Sighted no burros on the way in but heard some during night.

29 Sept.

Surveyed Round Knob Area  
sighted 6 sheep (one was a  
yearling Ram. Also sighted  
2 sheep later at base of Pass  
Dove (could be the same as  
those sighted earlier).

~~30 Sept 76~~

Will meet Butler at Needles  
Air Port to pick-up collared  
animals via fixed wing - 6 hrs.  
31-8: flight surveys and paper  
work.

10 Oct 76

Drove up to Warm Spgs.  
pick up Chan. 7 + observed  
a few burros.

11 Oct 76

Surveyed area around  
Warm Spgs. Did not observe  
any animals all day long !!  
Burro use at W.S. is  
very minimal due to past  
rains. New green growth  
very abundant.

Oct. 76

12 ~~Oct~~ Heard burros come to  
water last night. Picked up  
sample (burro). Surveyed area 120.

South of Warm Spgs. Still  
No animal sightings!!!

13 Oct 76

Surveyed buttes west of  
WARM SPGS. Sighted ram & A  
lamb & ewe. Ram was  
attempting numerous times  
to mount ewe. Ewe would  
evade his approaches.  
Still no burro sightings!!!

14 Oct 76

Surveyed area north of  
W.S. No sightings, picked  
up fecal sample (burro)

20 Oct 76

Drove up south McHelly  
Rd. Parted and walked a yearling  
(or less) female burro. Color  
collar is solid blue. Saw several  
other burros on the way up.  
They seem to be using the  
area near 95 more.

21 Oct 76

With ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> White Fingers Wash,  
NO drove up Dead Buck Wash

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Picked up channel 8A & 10A  
in area of Narrow Canyon.  
Later on sighted large band of  
Sheep including several males.  
P.D.F.S. both Sheep & burro

22 Oct 76

Drove up White Finger Wash  
Picked up channels 7A, 8A, 9A  
All seem to be camping from  
on top of South Butte. RAINED  
A little today.

25 Oct 76

Drove out Tipperry Mine Wash,  
set up camp. Darter a 2-3 year  
old JACK at 4:44 p.m., didn't go  
down, darted him again at 5:20  
and still he did not go down, I followed  
him until about 6:15 he was  
somewhat shaky but never went  
down. The drug had been in  
the dart since Sept. but known  
for certain that there was at  
least 5 mg of M99 shot in the  
the burro. (Never went down!?)  
follow until dark.

26 Oct 76

Surveyed North Pass area, 122.

observed a few burros, but never saw or picked up any sheep. Was out all day. Weather was windy & chilly all day.

27 Oct 76

Surveyed area south of Orange Finger. Picked up chan. 4A somewhere in the vicinity of Sheep Canyon, never actually sighted her. Sighted 4A + 7A very near top of North butte on very steep slope at 13:15 pm. left for home at 2:30 pm in order to go deer hunting tomorrow

28-3 Deer Hunt

4 NOV. '76'

Left trailer early and drove up to Warm Spgs. to arrive approx. 8:00 A.M. Was first time to see relatively heavy burro activity so far south as where road first comes to black bajada. Do believe burros are moving both higher (mesa tops) and lower (extensive south bajadas) but have no actual sightings south. Sighted several burros in area (bajada) surrounding Warm Spgs Wash. approx

1½ miles south of lower Spgs. No doubt, one male, Adult, Jack had a very bad looking left front leg (possibly broken) and could only walk on three legs. I loaded Capcar Gun and stalked him, I shot high and dart ricocheted off back causing me to lose another dart. Although he could only run on three legs he could still easily outrun me as I tried chasing ( $\approx$  ¾ mi) him down (for another shot) with out success! In addition to the burros I picked up Chan. 4A + 10A Sheep on EAST side of South Buttes, received very strong signals up to about 11:00 A.M. (starting at 8:15 A.M.) but failed to actually observe them. THE vegetation appears to be drying out (after last rains) and is probably the <sup>major</sup> factor responsible for more burro sightings so close to the Spgs. Of the burros mentioned earlier three were <sup>seen</sup> an adult Jenny with a yearling Jack and a very young <sup>2/24</sup>

and very black colt, this adult Jenny no doubt gave birth to these other two as they were by themselves and stuck very close together. Surprised that the yearling??, (certainly not much over 13-14 months) looked so young and yet she (the adult Jenny) was sporting the other young colt. The Jenny was very obviously lactating, the black colt couldn't have been very old (weeks ??) as ~~she~~ it was still covered with very wooly hair that covered the entire body.

5 Nov 76

Surveyed area south of Warm Spgs., very little activity, sighted one burro.

6 Nov. 76

Surveyed area around and N'ofth of Warm Spgs. Sighted several burros some appeared to be engaged in breeding activity: No sheep

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7 Nov. 76

Picked up Chan. 4A, & with  
receiver on Buttes, and  
observed several burros.  
Ferdinand and Notash arrived  
this morning to do some  
veg. transects. A helicopter  
appeared around 10:00 AM  
but don't know who it  
was.

8 Nov. 76

Surveyed area on S. MESA  
observed no burros but much  
recent sign. Picked up Chan 4A,  
7A and 8A sheep w/ R.O. only  
on slopes of buttes facing  
warm spgs.

10 Nov. 76

Helicopter survey today, 8  
hrs. flight time, observed  
39 sheep +  $\approx 133$  burros.

12 Nov. 76

Took family and drove  
up S. McLeffey Wash, observed  
numerous burros, including #16 [26]

Solid blue. Picked up fecal sample.

13 Nov. 76

Rainy stayed around camp with family, observed no animals

14 Nov. 76

Observed burros in the A.M. Returned home before noon to give talk to local OFF-ROADERS Club.

18 Nov. 1976

Drove up Tipperary Mine wash and set up camp, collected fecal sample, burro.

19. Nov. 1976

Surveyed area on top of BLACK FINGER MESA, observed numerous burros, picked up Chan. 1A ewe (late afternoon) somewhere atop of North Butte, no actual observation.

20 Nov. 1976

Surveyed area south of

Orange Knob, observed an  
adult Ram atop of South  
Butte. Moved camp to S. McHaffy.

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Nov. 1976

Drove up DEAD BUCK WASH  
and walked to top of South  
Butte, observed total of 16  
sheep, one group consisted  
of Chan MATTOA. Among this  
group was a 3/4-tail curl  
ram active in courting  
ewes. Also sighted numerous  
burro today. Signs of recent rain.

22 Nov. 1976

Scouted area near vicinity  
of McHaffy Camp, no observations  
will return home today.

23 - 25 WENT TO TEMPE

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27 Nov 1976

Drove to Warm Spgs with  
Jim Schmittland to observe  
sheep. SAW several sheep  
returned home same day.

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1 DEC 1976

Drove up Tipperary Mine wash  
set up camp and surveyed  
area immediately around camp.  
Picked up fecal sample.

2 DEC 1976

Walked to top of Black  
Finger Mesa and surveyed area  
on top for approx. 3-4 miles  
Observed numerous burros and  
picked up char. TA somewhere  
at top of N. Butte (did not observe)  
Also observed several burros  
in foothills west of N. Butte.

3 DEC 1976

Walked to top of N. Butte.  
Ran into a bighorn sheep  
hunter scouting for sheep.  
Observed several sheep and  
burros. He is successful next day.

4 DEC 1976

Surveyed area south of Orange  
Finger. Sighted several  
sheep and burros. Bighorn  
season opens today.

8 Dec. 1976

Drove to Warm Spgs.  
in hopes of seeing sheep  
hunter, no luck. Walked  
to top of Black Mesa. Sighted  
several burros and sheep on  
N. butte, barely made it back  
to camp by dark and am damn!

didn't eat dinner tired!  
sleep, sleep, sleep.

9 Dec. 76

Surveyed North up Warm  
Spgs wash, observed no  
animals, refured home to  
care for domestic affairs.  
today.

10-12 - Tempe

14 Dec 76

Drove up Tipperary Mine Rd.  
Set up camp. Got late start,  
SAW NO ANIMALS

15 Dec. 76

Surveyed west buttes area  
observed one burro & one sheep.  
Meet the (2<sup>nd</sup>) sheep hunter. He  
hunted N. butte area and  
SAW 4 sheep, none were rams.  
I will take his observations  
down

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16 Dec 76

Surveyed West Buttes area  
observed 8 sheep. One large  
Ram and another 2-3 yrs. old  
Ram\*. The large Ram made  
a few attempts to mount  
one of the adult ewes, appeared  
unsuccessful. Very interesting  
day. Also ran into Hunter again  
why he wasn't successful I don't know.  
These large rams we easily observed by me!!

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17 Dec 76

Surveyed West Buttes area  
again, observed no sheep but  
a few burros. I took a new  
route today and saw some  
new country, looked good for  
sheep.

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21 DEC 76

Drove up S. McTeefy Rd. with  
family. Sighted some burros  
on the way in. Also heard  
burros around camp that night

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22 Dec 76

Surveyed buttes directly  
south of S. McTeefy Camp.

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Badade south of buttes. Picked  
up Chan. 7. Near the bottle Neck.

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23 Dec 76

Surveyed area around  
McHaffy Camp, returned  
home early for Christmas.

28 Dec 76

Drove up to Warm Spgs.  
with Prigge, sighted several  
burros at bajada on the  
the way in. Sighted 6 sheep  
just west of Warm Spgs  
latter this afternoon

29 Dec 76

Walked up Warm Spgs. Wash  
North of Warm Spgs, then to  
top of North Butte. Sighted 2  
Sheep & picked up Chan. 4A + 7A.  
Returned to camp via south slope  
of North Butte.

30 Dec 76

Walked Route #1 on mesa,  
sighted many burros. Started  
raining today. Returned home  
due to rain AGAIN flooded out!!  
for several days.

6 Jan 77

Drove up Tipperary Mine Rd.

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arrived late, sighted no animals on the way in. Study area received much rain during the period from Dec. 30 '76 to 6 JAN. 77. Much standing water, will be good for winter annuals.

7 JAN. 77

Surveyed Buttes (west), sighted several burros but no sheep. Also surveyed "Crash Peak" area.

8 JAN. 77

Surveyed area on top of "Black Finger Mesa", sighted several sheep on "North Butte" and many burros on mesa and benches.

9 JAN 77

Surveyed "North Butt" and "Dead Sheep Butte", saw Chan. DA with two (76) lambs, heard burros but didn't actually sight any today. Picked up sheep pellets with return home today. (10-15-Temp.)  
HNP QMIA

17 JAN - 21 JAN 1977

Warm Springs area, ~~few~~ few animals observed due to flo.

18, 19, 20 - IN BED WITH COUGH  
bad CASE OF FEVER, NOT DOWNTIME  
I have the kids to thank!

24 JAN 77

Took family and drove up  
Tipperry Mine Wash. Made camp  
Observed no animals. Still weak from  
flu.

25 JAN 77

Surveyed area around DEAD  
RAM BUTTE, observed several  
Sheep and several burros. <sup>Also sighted</sup> Adult Deer  
<sup>buck</sup>

26 JAN 77

Walked 'Black Finger Mesa'  
route. Sighted 21 Sheep on  
North & South Buttes and three  
Adult Rams on 'Black Finger  
Mesa'! also observed several  
burros

27 JAN 77

Observed Tipperry Mine  
wash south of camp (on  
way out) Observed several  
burros and an Adult Buck Deer.

31 JAN 77

Moved up S. McHaffy wash  
with family, set up camp.

1 Feb. 1977

Survey Buttes (and water holes)  
via S. McHaffy wash. Observed  
only two burros, very little  
sign around water holes.

2 Feb. 1977

Survey McHaffy wash south  
of camp, observed no  
animals. Believe they have dispersed  
on Mesa where plenty of feed

3 Feb. 1977

Survey top of South  
Butte. Observed 9 sheep  
(all ewes) observed no burros.  
Returned home tonight. When we left

10 Feb. 1977

spent 5 hr in today  
done helicopter survey  
Completed emergency buttes  
Sheep first surveying  
lower ridges than near  
the salt around to 1000  
in basin. Mainly ended  
After a long day to end

11 Feb. 1977

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survey (3 hours) yester

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12. Feb 1977

Rick Pidgeon and I collected plant samples at San Juanito, Baja, California and collected Spotted Nightjars.

15 Feb 1977

Drove up Tijuana rd. to  
Surveyed Roque, with the crew.  
Collected ~~one~~ plant specimen  
observed 2 horses

24 Feb 1977

16-21: TEMPE  
AND PAPER WORK

Drove to Warm Spgs. Surveyed  
Baja on the way in, and observed  
a few burros, one included  
Hort. B/Y. His collar is nearly  
void of color.

25 Feb 1977

Surveyed area around  
warm springs, observed  
very few animals.

26. Feb 1977

Surveyed area towards  
baja.

27 Feb 1977

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Surveyed area around  
warm spgs. and then  
down on bajada, observed  
a few burros.

28 Feb 1977

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Surveyed area on  
top of Black Mesa,  
observed several burros  
one group were engaged in  
breeding act. I took  
a lot of pictures.

1 March 1977

Surveyed area North of  
W.S. observed burros but  
no sheep (Surveyed east side  
of North Butte. Returned  
home today.

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2 Mar 1977

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Drove to Tippay Mtn. Wash, Surveyed  
West Buttes area. Observed several  
Burros & 1 sheep (+ one deer)  
On way up obs. lone don't  
off it, apparently supervisor  
of herd. Tipped. Picked up several  
soil samples.

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9 MAR 1977

Walked to top of North Butte,  
observed several (12) sheep  
on South Butte and several  
burros on Black Mesa.

10 MAR 1977

Surveyed area around Tipperry  
Mine Wash Camp, observed  
no animals returned home  
today.

11 MAR. 1977

Drove up to W.S. with Prigge  
to meet Sherril & OHMANT with  
helicopter to do capture work.  
Very windy no work today.

12 MAR 1977

Nice day, done much  
capture work, will continue  
tomorrow

13 MAR. 1977

Finish capture work today  
And returned home today.

16 MAR. 1977

14-15 PAPER WORK ON  
CAPTURE ACT.

Drove to McHEFFY WASH AREA  
WITH FAMILY. OBSERVED SEVERAL

BERROS. CAPTURED ONE JACK  
AND COLLARED.

19 MARCH 1977

DROVE TO OATMAN WITH  
FAMILY AND RELATIVES. OBSERVED  
A FEW BURROS AROUND  
MCHALE'S AREA

21 MARCH 1977

DROVE TO WARM SPRINGS WITH  
FAMILY.

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22 MARCH 1977

WALKED TO TOP OF  
SOUTH BUTTE. OBSERVED 15  
SHEEP & SEVERAL NEW-BORN  
JUMPS. ALSO SEVERAL BURROS

23 MARCH 1977

WALKED BLACK MESA ROUTE,  
OBSERVED SEVERAL HERDS OF BURROS  
BOTH ON AND OFF THE MESA. OBSERVED  
A FEW SHEEP ON TOP OF N. BUTTE.

24 MARCH 1977

SURVEYED AREA AROUND AND  
WEST UP WARM SPRINGS. OBSERVED  
SEVERAL BURROS & 4 SHEEP

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25 MARCH 1972

SURVEYED AREA SOUTH OF  
WARM SPRGS. OBSERVED SINCE  
BURRO. RETURNED HOME TODAY.  
DUE TO RAIN, TONIGHT IT  
SNOWED ON TOP OF MESA AND  
BUTTES.

26-28 MARCH BAD WEATHER  
ROADS VERY BAD.

29 MARCH 1972

LEFT EARLY AND DROVE  
TO McHENRY WASH. OBSERVED  
SEVERAL BURROS ON WAY OUT, includ-  
ING HOT. RED/WHITE NEAR AREA  
WHERE CAPTURED. ALSO SURVEYED  
AREA AROUND CAMP. OBSERVED  
CARR. MALE, WHICH TRAVELED  
APPROX. 6 MILE FROM PT. OF  
CAPTURE, HE WAS RUNNING  
WITH ADULT FEMALE AND 1½-3½  
GROWN COLT.

30 MARCH 1972

WALKED TO TOP OF SOUTH  
BUTTE. OBSERVED SEVERAL SHEEP  
AND BURROS. PICKED UP WATER  
SAMPLE FROM BADGER SPRGS.

31 MARCH 1972

WALKED TO MATATE & COLUMBINE  
SEEPS TO PICK UP WATER

SAMPLES, OBSERVED SEVERAL  
BURROS WENT HOME TODAY

4 APRIL 1977

DROVE TO ALKALI SPGS.  
TO PICK UP COW FECAL SAMPLES  
OBSERVED SEVERAL BURROS  
& COWS

5 APRIL 1977

PICKED UP SEVERAL COW  
FECAL SAMPLES AND DROVE  
HOME AP. 6-11 TEMPE

12 APRIL 1977

DROVE TO TIPPERY MINE  
CAMP AND SCOUTED AREA  
AROUND CAMP. OBSERVED  
SEVERAL BURROS

13 APRIL 1977

DROVE UP TIPPERY MINE  
WASH AND SCOUTED WEST  
BUTTES. OBSERVED SEVERAL  
BURROS AND SHEEP.

14 APRIL 1977

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2 burros which were across  
W.S. CANYON ON edge of  
BLACK MESA PROPERTY, Also  
observed several sheep in  
WEST BUTTES

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15 APRIL 1977

SCOUTED AREA Behind (South)  
of TIPPERY Mn. CAMP AND  
TIPPERY mine PROPERTY. MOVED  
CAMP TO MCAEFFY WASH  
CAMP THIS evening AND OBSERVED  
several burros (including #126)  
There.

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16 APRIL 1977

WALKED TO TOP OF SOUTH BUTTE,  
observed several burros AND

25 sheep. Burros include  
#16 Blue. Sheep include 7A, &  
10A both with lambs (small). Picked  
UP WATER SAMPLE from BADGER  
SEEP. HARD work but I really enjoy this  
work!

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17 APRIL 1977

OBSERVED AREA AROUND BURRO  
SEEP, PICKED UP WATER SAMPLE

21 APRIL 1977 <sup>Will catch up on  
PAPER WORK 18, 19, 20</sup>  
Drove to Warm Spgs. 142.

Surveyed area around  
Spgs. Observed a few  
burros, no sheep

22 APRIL 1977

Surveyed area around  
Spgs and then drove up  
wash running east of  
warm spgs. Observed  
several burros including  
many marked animals.  
Animals seem to be using  
water more, temp rising  
into 90's.

23 APRIL 1977

Surveyed area west of  
warm spgs. Observed several  
burros at water. Also obser-  
ved several burro coming  
to water ~~at~~ during evening  
hours, starting about 5:00 pm.

24 APRIL 1977

Walked to top of Black Mesa,  
observed only a few burro along  
the rim nearest to W.S. did  
not observe any burros at any  
distance from rim (34 mi or more)  
this no doubt due to warmer

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temperatures during the day. Late afternoon brought cloudy ness and cooler temps. Again observed several burros coming to water in late afternoon (= 4:00 pm +)

25 APRIL 1977

Surveyed area around W.S. and a little Neth. Observed several burros but no sheep.  
Will leave for home today.

30 APRIL 1977

Drove up S. McHEFFY WASH to meet with Sheep Society to develop Sheep Spgs. Nearly completed damming and sealing seep today.

1 MAY 1977

Finished with seep and completed putting up fence across wash leading into seep. Returned home today

2 MAY 1977

Meet with George Welsh in Bullhead. Flew approx 3 hours with him in helicopter while conducting A&F Sheep Survey 44.

Did not find CHAN. 8A Ram.

7 MAY 1977

Meet Butler & OHMART AT  
Needles Airport to survey study  
Area with fixed wing. Flew  
about 2.5 hours before wind  
became to bad.

6 hrs

8 MAY 1977

Finished fixed wing survey  
(another 3.5 hours today). Picked  
up all burros but only CHANJA  
Sheep. Could not locate 10A  
8A or 4A. Flew North of  
Oatman and even Needles  
peaks.

9 MAY 1977

Drove into S. McHEFFY wash  
AREA. Observed several burros  
referenced home in evening due  
To go to Phoenix tomorrow.

10-16 PHOENIX, TEMPE,  
YUMA.

17 May 1977

DROVE TO W.S. with Rick Arigge.  
OBSERVED A few burros on the  
WAY in. Weather unseasonably  
cool, had good rains recently

18 MAY 1977

WALKED BLACK MESA ROUTE,  
observed many burros, which  
were probably there (Black Mesa)  
due to unseasonably cool weather  
and recent rains

19 MAY 1977

WALKED TO S. BUTTE, OBSERVED 2.  
BURROS AND NO SHEEP. RETURNED  
TO CAMP, SEEING ONE GRAY  
FOX. LATTER TRIED SHOOTING  
BURROS AT LOWER WARM SPRINGS WITH  
NO SUCCESS. SAW A GRAY FOX AT UPPER W.S.

20 MAY 1977

WALKED TO TUNA TANK. TUNA TANK  
WAS FULL OF WATER APPROX. 5'  
DEEP. OBSERVED A FEW BURROS, NO  
SHEEP. COLLECTED ONE BADGER AND  
ONE RATTLE SNAKE. OBSERVED SEVERAL  
BURROS COMING IN TO W.S. FOR  
WATER AT 6:30 P.M.

21 MAY 1977

SURVEYED EAST WARM SPRINGS WASH  
SIGHTED MANY BURROS, SOME BREED-  
ING. DARTED AND COLLARED ANOTHER  
BURRO (#140 GRAY, ADULT, MALE) A6.  
THIS EVENING AT LOWER W.S. FOR WATER

22 MAY 1977

SURVEYED AREA South of U.S.  
observed some BURROS. Returned  
to camp, packed up, and returned  
home

24 MAY 1977

RAINED much over the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and 24<sup>th</sup>. Everything very  
wet. Drove to S. McHaffy  
CAMP, observed a few burro  
on way in. Bike broke down  
yesterday so will be limited  
to area surveyable.

~~25 MAY 1977~~

WALKED TO TOP OF SOUTH BUTTE  
AND  $\frac{3}{4}$  UP N. BUTTE. SAW 20  
SHEEP AND ONE BURRO. WAS MUCH  
STANDING WATER AFTER RAIN, VERY WET.  
COLLECTED WATER SAMPLES AT MATATE  
AND SHEEP SPRINGS.

~~26 MAY 1977~~

SURVEYED AREA South and west of  
Matate Spring. Observed several  
burros no sheep. Need hike

27 MAY 1977

Prigge surveyed Columbine Spgs.

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McC, I surveyed area North  
of Badger Seep. Collected  
water sample at columbine.  
Observed several herros and  
5 sheep (1 Adult Female, 2 yearling  
Females and 2 lambs). This  
could represent twins, may be  
same female with possible  
twins seen last year. Returned  
home today

31 MAY 1977

Drive to Akkali Spgs. to  
pick up Cow feed samples.  
Observed some burros and  
many rabbits on way in.

1 June 1977

Picked up cow fecal samples for MAY and JUNE at ALKALI SPRGS. Proper. Picked up some plant samples, took quick survey of area for collared burros and then left.

2 JUNE 1977

DROVE TO S. MICHIGAN CAMP. OBSERVED  
SEVERAL BURROS ON THE WAY.  
IN ARRIVED LATE, WEATHER DRY  
AND HOT.

3 JUNE 1977

WALKED TO top of South Butte. Observed several burros near malate spgs. and 9 sheep near sheep spgs. Included in the sheep observations was that of an adult Ram, approximately 3 yrs. old.

4 JUNE 1977

Prigge went to Columbine, I climbed Butte above Badger spgs. Saw several sheep and several burros. Returned to camp and then home.

4 June 1977

Drove to Warm spgs., observed several burros on the way out, mang around water Temp. hot & dry.

7 JUNE 1977

Walked to top of Black Mesa. Observed several burros. A storm came through in the afternoon temp. dropped 38 degrees from 101 to 63 in about 45 minutes, rained hard

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for about 1 hour.

8 JUNE 1977

WALKED TO TOP OF NORTH BUTTE. OBSERVED 5 SHEEP,  
BOTH CHAN. 4 & 7, BOTH HAD  
LAMBS; CHAN. 7'S LAMB IS  
A MALE. CHAN. 4 RADIO COLLAR  
DOES NOT WORK ANY LONGER.  
WEATHER WAS OVERCAST WITH  
OCCASIONAL RAIN. TEMPS WERE  
UNSEASONABLY COOL. PRIGGE IS GETTING  
BETTER, LEG MUSCLES ARE SHAPING UP! Ha

9 JUNE 1977

WALKED UP E. WARM SPRINGS WASH,  
OBSERVED A FEW BURROS, NO  
SHEEP. RETURNED HOME TODAY

10 June 1977

FLEW 8 hours of helicopter  
time with G. MARTIN. DONE BOTH  
GRID AND CONTOUR. SURPRISED  
TO SEE, STILL, MANY BURROS  
ON MESA. ONLY SAW 4 MARKED  
ANIMALS OUT OF 98 (BURROS) IN  
STUDY AREA PROPER. SPENT CONSIDER-  
ABLE TIME CONTOURING BOTTLES  
IN ~~THE~~ AFTERNOON ( $\approx$  12:00 PM) BUT  
DID NOT SEE ANY SHEEP! THINK  
THEY HEARD HELICOPTER AND 150.

3 JUNE 1977

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17 June 1977

Drove to Tippeny mine camp.  
Arrived late, observed no animals

18 June 1977

Scouted area near camp. Very  
hot and dry, observed no  
animals.

19 June 1977

Surveyed areas near N. Butte  
observed several burros  
but no sheep.

20 June 1977

Surveyed West Buttes, observed  
no burros, but did observe  
six sheep. Returned home  
today.

22 June 1977

Drove to S. McHeffy camp.  
observed several burros on the  
way in.

23 June 1977

Prigge took BIKE and went  
up Dond Buck wash. I surveyed

area ~~west~~<sup>EAST</sup> of BADGER SPRINGS,  
I observed 13 sheep near top  
OF S. Buttes

24 JUNE 1977

Prigge surveyed area south  
of Badger Spgs., I surveyed Buttes  
just south of camp. Observed  
several sheep and several burros  
today.

25 JUNE 1977

Prigge surveyed area around  
MATATE & CALUMBINE SPGS., I  
SURVEYED AREA FROM BUTTE JUST  
NORTH OF BADGER SPGS. OBSERVED  
SEVERAL SHEEP AND BURROS. COLLECTED  
WATER SAMPLES FROM ALL THREE  
SPGS AND RETURNED HOME  
TODAY.

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26 JUNE 1977

Drove to WARM SPGS., OBSERVED  
SEVERAL BURROS SOUTH OF AND  
AT WARM SPGS. TEMP. REACHED  
116° IN DUFF.

27 JUNE 1977

Prigge surveyed meso area 153.

just North of middle  
sprs. I took bike and  
cycled meso just north  
of East Warm sprs wash.  
observed several burros.  
Also captured and collared another  
burro today #141

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30 June 1977

Surveyed area around lower  
& upper springs. Observed  
several burros. Caught a  
dog in the evening but  
it didn't go down.

1 July 1977

Surveyed area up E. warm  
sprs. Wash. Observed several  
burros and deer. With the  
hotter temps. this month  
both deer & burros are staying  
very near water. Observed several  
deer coming to water in the  
evening hours this trip.

3 July 1977

Drove to Tipperry Mn. Camp  
Observed one burro coming  
in. Weather showing thunder  
clouds & stiff Southeast breezes.

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4 July 1977  
Surveyed area North & South  
of Crash Peak & observed  
several burros, sheep and  
one deer.

5 July 1977  
Surveyed area south of  
Dead RAM Butte, observed  
several burros but no  
sheep.

6 July 1977  
Surveyed area South of  
CAMP AND north up Tippee's  
mine wash. Surveyed most  
of west buttes.

Loaded everything up and arrived  
to Tuggerat about 10:00 am.  
I left for Buckeye at 10:30 am.  
Will not take in Tugger on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
to take care of business and  
return back to forest department.

Weather - Clear, Calm

High - 106

Low - 80

No unusual animals seen!!

July 7 - Tugger

July 8 - Buckeye

July 9 - Buckeye

July 10 - Buckeye

July 11 - Buckeye

July 12 - Buckeye

July 13 - Buckeye

July 14 - Buckeye

MY TRUCK  
WAS STOLEN  
Very bad  
spirits!!

Aug. 1977

Journal

July 15 - Left Buckeye at 8:30 a.m. with Fork Courier and headed for Yuma to pick up Mike and his family. (Truck was stolen on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month!) Left Yuma at about 6:30 p.m. & arrived in Topock at about 11:00 p.m.

July 16 - Topock

July 17 - Topock

July 18 - Left Topock at 7:00 for S.M. Hefley Ranch. Arrived at camp just west of South Butte about 9:30 p.m. - Total bunnies seen: 2  
1 adult female  
1 colt (sex unknown)  
2 Total.

July 19 - Left camp at 6:45 a.m. and headed for area around Matate seep, while Mike departed for area above Badger Springs.

Total bunnies seen: 14

4 adult males  
5 adult females  
1 yearling male  
1 yearling female  
2 male colts  
1 female adl  
14 total

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Total number of sheep seen. 7  
1 adult male (2-3 years) (1)  
3 adult females  
1 yearling female  
2 colts (sex unknown)  
7 Total

Returned to camp at 10:30 a.m.

Weather: Overcast, Breezy (SE)  
High - 106  
Low - 84

No rattlesnakes or unusual animals seen!!

July 20 - Left camp at 6:00 a.m. and we both headed for the same general areas covered in previous day. Returned to camp at 9:45 a.m.  
Total sheep seen 27

7 adult males  
8 adult females  
2 yearling males  
1 yearling female  
2 colts  
5 colts (sex unknown)  
1 yearling (sex unknown)  
1 adult (sex unknown)  
27 Total

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July 20 (Cont.) - Total # of sheep observations: 14  
2 adult males (3-4 yrs. & 2-3 yrs old)  
5 adult females  
3 yearling females  
1 yearling (sex unknown)  
3 lambs (sex unknown)  
14 Total

Weather: Overcast, Breezy (SE)

High: 104

Low: 83

No snakes or out of the ordinary animals seen!!

July 21 - Left camp at 7:30 a.m. - which I might add will be the last time we leave camp this late because it is already hot!! I proceeded to the area Sabana Badger-Springs and made left for area about (Vista Alta). Returned to camp at about 11:00 a.m.  
Total number of Bunnies seen: 21

11 adult males  
4 adult females  
1 yearling (sex unknown)  
1 male lamb  
3 cubs (sex unknown)  
1 adult bunny (sex unknown)  
21 Total

Total number of snakes seen: 4  
1 adult male (3/4 curl) ( )  
1 adult female  
1 yearling female  
1 (adult) (sex unknown)  
+ Total

Packed up gear and returned to Topock!

Weather - Clear, Calm  
High - 111  
Low - 78

16 snakes today!!! ( )

July 24 - Left Topock at 7:00 p.m. and headed for Warm Springs. Arrived at 9:30 p.m. - ate dinner and hit the sack!

July 25 - I left camp at 6:00 a.m. and headed for Rusa north of Warm Springs. I like surveyed area around water holes!  
Returned to camp at 11:00 a.m.

Total snakes seen: 36

13 adult males  
9 adult females  
3 yearling males  
1 yearling (sex unknown)  
1 salt female  
(over)

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July 25 (Cont.) - 7 colts (sex unknown)  
1 adult (sex unknown)  
1 lumen (age & sex unknown)  
36 Total.

No sheep were seen!!

Weather - Clear, Calm

High - 110

Low - 69

((( No rattlesnakes or unusual animals seen!!

July 26 - Left camp at 7:30 a.m. with  
jeep and headed up East Wash  
Spring Wash. Returned to camp  
at 11:30 a.m. and left for Upper  
and Lower Wash Dry washes at about  
6:00 p.m. Total boulders seen: 43

7 adult males

12 adult females

8 adult (sex unknown)

4 yearling males

1 yearling female

9 colts (sex unknown)

2 lambs (sex & age unknown)

43 Total

161.

Wichita - Clear, Cal.

High - 111

Low - 73

No snakes seen!!

July 27 - Mike left camp at 5:30 a.m. and headed for Mesa north of camp. I surveyed area around Upper and Lower Warm Springs. Total snakes seen: 22

5 adult males

3 adult females

10 adult (sex unknown)

2 yearlings (sex unknown)

2 adults (sex unknown)

22 Total

Packed up camp and left for Topock!!

No snakes seen today but did see 1 female  
male deer.

Wichita - Clear, Cal.

High - 113

Low - 77

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July 28 - Left Topock at 7:15 p.m. and headed for area west of South Butte via McLeffey road. Arrived and set up traps at 8:30 p.m. Total Burros seen: 2

1 adult female  
1 colt (sex unknown)  
2 total

Weather - Clear, calm

High - 115

Low - 85

July 29 - I left traps for area around Mitate Gap and Mike headed for area above Badger Springs. (6:00 a.m.) After seeing only 8 burros and 2 sheep I heard horns clashing over by Badger Springs and went over to try to get some pictures - shot about 2 dozen pictures of 4 rams and a ewe in and around the springs. - Met Mike and we returned to camp at 10:00 a.m.

Total Burros seen: 9

1 adult male  
3 adult females  
1 yearling male  
1 yearling female

1 yearling female  
3 colts - male  
9 total

Total sheep seen: 20

6 adult males (1 to 2-3 years old  
5 to  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  yrs old)

4 adult female

1 yearling male (1-2 years)

1 yearling female

4 lambs (sex unknown)

4 sheep (age & sex unknown)

20 Total

Weather - Clear, Breezy (SE)

Hight - 114

Temp - 87

1/<sub>3</sub> snakes th seen today!!

July 30 - I left camp for area above Badger  
springs at 5:45 a.m. and made left for  
area around Matata. Returned to camp at  
9:15 a.m. Total Burros seen: 14

5 adult males

4 adult females

1 yearling male

1 yearling female

2 colts (sex unknown)

1 burro (age & sex unknown)

14 Total

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July 30 (Cont) - Total Sheep seen: 21  
6 adult males ( $4 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  curl,  
 $1 \rightarrow \frac{3}{4}$  - full curl,  
 $1 \rightarrow 2$  - 3 years)  
7 adult females  
1 yearling male  
1 yearling female  
1 yearling (sex unknown)  
5 lambs (sex unknown)  
21 total.

No snakes etc. seen today!!

Weather - Clear, Duggy (SE)  
High - 110  
Low - 82

July 31 - I left camp at 5:45 to get water samples at Platate and Coleraine springs. Mike left to do the same at Dodge springs. Total lambs seen: 21

4 adult males  
6 adult females  
2 yearling (sex unknown)  
5 colts (sex unknown)  
1 male Colt  
2 adults (sex unknown)  
1 lamb (age & sex unknown)

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Total # of sheep seen: 17  
3 adult males (2-1/2-3/4 and)  
1-2-3 years)

6 adult females  
1 yearling male  
2 yearling females  
1 male lamb  
2 lambs (sex unknown)  
1 adult (sex unknown)  
1 sheep (age & sex unknown)  
17 total

Retired to camp at 8:45, packed up  
and returned to Topock at 10:30 a.m.

Weather: Clear, calm  
High: 109  
Low: 82

1/2 snakes etc. seen today!!

August 2 - Left Topock at 7:30 p.m. and headed for Alkalai Springs we planned on eating dinner at Cathran but everything was closed!! Arrived in Alkalai area at about 9:00 p.m. and shared 1 can of chile, 1 can of mushrooms and some potato chips for dinner!! (Yuk)

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- August 3 - Collected fecal samples (cattle)  
for July & August and left for  
Topock. Arrived at 8:00 a.m.  
left for Buckeye at 11:30 a.m.
- August 4 - Phoenix
- August 5 - Phoenix
- August 6 - Phoenix
- August 7 - Phoenix
- August 8 - Left Mesa at 5:30 a.m. and  
headed for Topock. Arrived at 11:15 a.m.  
Left Topock at 7:00 p.m. and headed  
for area just west of south Little. Arrived  
at 10:00 p.m. - (shot the shit with a  
truck driver whose truck broke down, for  
about 1½ hours.)  
Total number of sheep seen: ZIP!!
- August 9 - Left camp at 6:30 a.m. and  
I headed for area above Badger Spring,  
while Mike headed for area around  
Matate.

- Total sheep seen: 11

3 adult males ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$  -  $3 \frac{1}{4}$  cub.,  
 $2 \rightarrow 2$  - 3 years old)

3 adult females

2 yearling females

2 lambs (sex unknown)

1 female (age unknown)

11 total

- Total lambs seen: 24

4 adult males

7 adult females

1 yearling male

2 yearling females

1 yearling (sex unknown)

1 male colt

6 colts (sex unknown)

2 adults (sex unknown)

24 total

Returned to rays at 9:30 a.m.

Weather: Clear, calm - Briny (SE)

High - 110

Low - 85

"No unusual "Beasties" seen today!!"

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August 9 (Cont.) At about 7:30 p.m. more sheep and lambs were sighted from camp.

Total Bighorn: 3  
3 adults (sex unknown)

Total sheep seen: 5

2 adult females  
2 lambs (sex unknown)  
1 sheep (age & sex unknown)  
5 total.

August 10 Left camp at 6:00 a.m. - I headed for Matate area while Mike went to area above Badger Springs. Retuned to camp at 9:00 a.m.

Total Bighorn seen: 23

3 adult males  
6 adult females  
3 Bighorn (age & sex unknown)  
2 Yearlings (sex unknown)  
6 Lambs (sex unknown)  
3 adults (sex unknown)  
23 total

Total sheep seen: 5

2 adult males (Both  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  curl)  
2 adult females  
1 ~~stags~~ (age & sex unknown)  
5 total.

Packed up and returned to Topock at about 10:15 a.m.

Weather - Clear, Calm

High - 109

Low - 83

No unusual "Beasties" seen!!

August 12 - Left Topock at 7:30 p.m. and headed for Warm Springs. Flushing winds and rain forced us to retreat in the cab and cargo of the truck.

Total burros seen: 7

1 adult female  
1 colt (sex unknown)  
5 ~~lunars~~ (age, sex & unknown)  
7 total

Weather - Cloudy & Windy

High - 107

Low - 78

Run over "Widemiller" on the way in!!

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August 13 - Left camp at 7:00 a.m. and took jeep up East Warm-Springs Wash. Returned to camp at 10:30 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. drove to Upper and Lower Warm-Springs to check for Burros.

Total Burros seen: 66

13 adult males  
19 adult females  
56 Yearling males  
5 Yearling females  
1 yearling (sex unknown)  
1 Calf male  
3 Calf females  
6 Calves (sex unknown)  
14 burros (age & sex unknown)  
7 adults (sex unknown)

66 Total.

Weather - Partially cloudy, Calm.

High - 103

Low - 68

Heard a lot of roasters at Upper Warm-Springs, but only saw one!!

August 14 - Left for mesa north of camp  
at 6:00 a.m. Returned to camp at  
10:00 a.m.

Total Burros seen: 35

3 adult males

11 adult females

1 male colt

1 female colt

8 colts (sex unknown)

4 adults (sex unknown)

7 burros (age + sex unknown)

35 total.

Left for Topock at 10:45 a.m. and  
found a burro just SE. of Town  
Union Springs. Burro was still alive  
but rib and hip bones were protruding  
through skin. Upon further investigation  
it was found that his right hind leg  
had been broken - bones sticking  
out of skin! Leg had been broken  
just above ankle and evidently  
burro could not keep up with flock  
arguments and was starving.  
Lid put burro out of its misery & took pictures.

15 now - Adult male.

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Weather - Clear, Calm

High -

Low - 77

No unusual "tracées" seen!!