

Aerial survey results from Jan. 11-13, 2015 for Bighorn Sheep.

a) Provincial Lands- All ranges surveyed

Total Sheep = 1568 (1526 classified)

Total Rams = 260 (38- ¼ curl, 102- ½ curl, 70-3/4 curl, 48 legal rams (4/5 curl or larger), unclassified rams-2

Total Ewes = 921

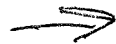
Total Lambs = 347

Total Unclassified Sheep (excluding unclassified rams) = 40

Legal Rams out of Classified Sheep = 3.1% *

Rams: 100 ewes = 28.2

Lambs: 100 ewes = 37.7 ←



b) Banff Park

Total Sheep = 288 (all classified)

Total Rams = 87 (11- ¼ curl, 21- ½ curl, 26-3/4 curl, 29 legal rams (4/5 curl or larger), unclassified rams-0

Total Ewes = 147

Total Lambs = 54

Total Unclassified Sheep (excluding unclassified rams) = 0

Legal Rams out of Classified Sheep = 10.1%

Rams: 100 ewes = 59.2

Lambs: 100 ewes = 36.7 ←

Also, we saw 234 elk at Ya Ha Tinda (minimum count; Blair's ground counts will be interesting to compare) plus 124 other elk over the 3 days. Total feral horses 141.

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YHT only

a) Provincial Lands

Total Sheep = 398 (348 classified)

Total Rams = 72 (8- ¼ curl, 26- ½ curl, 20-3/4 curl, 8 legal rams (4/5 curl or larger), unclassified rams-10

Total Ewes = 204

Total Lambs = 72

Total Unclassified Sheep (excluding unclassified rams) = 50

Legal Rams out of Classified Sheep = 2%

Rams: 100 ewes = 35.2

Lambs: 100 ewes = 35

b) Banff Park

Total Sheep = 56 (28 classified)

Total Rams = 15 (1- ¼ curl, 4- ½ curl, 7-3/4 curl, 3 legal rams (4/5 curl or larger), unclassified rams-0

Total Ewes = 13

Total Lambs = 0

Total Unclassified Sheep (excluding unclassified rams) = 28

Legal Rams out of Classified Sheep = 5.4%

Rams: 100 ewes = 53.6

Lambs: 100 ewes = n/a

Also, we saw 250 elk at Ya Ha Tinda (minimum count) plus 6 feral horses and 3 mule deer