

Santa Catalina Bighorn Sheep Reintroduction Advisory Committee 02/04/14

Announcements:

Nathan Jackson has been hired as an intern.

Les Corey resigned from the committee today.

Glen Dickins Wants to rejoin the committee as an observer

Commission Meeting is in OroValley at City Hall on March 7th & 8th. This is a good time to brief the commission on project at the open forum.

Next meeting March 4th at AGFD.

There are 23 sheep alive

The sheep are in the reintroduction area

657 is most likely a bobcat kill. Bobcat kills are rare

Brian D.: don't say a bobcat killed this sheep, say it was a feline mortality

Collars update: 40% average update on daily basis

Changing upload sequence to between 2a.m. and 5a.m.

5-6 collars upload at a time

Looking at new technology

Where do we go from here? What are our options?

How can we help the remaining sheep stay alive?

Volunteers are monitoring sheep. We need to establish a regular schedule for volunteers.

What is the number threshold for adapting the plan?

Protocol isn't successful due to lack of data from collars

Discussed future of project and lion kills:

Maybe have hounds man start earlier on mortality signal

Focus on area that most benefits the sheep

Define good sheep area

Reasonable distance from mortality within same drainage ½-¾ mile and adjacent drainages

Schedule additional meeting on Feb. 18th to discuss mountain lions

Public records request & Media

Jim Paxson discussed open records policy

Jim Odenkirk, public records request have 48-72 hrs. to respond to simple request, and 10 days for multiple requests

In depth requests have to give time frame for answer.

All emails are archived.

Dept. policy: Any request from a Legislature or Senator will be answered immediately.

The Director wants the media plan to be modified because the Dept. has a responsibility to inform the public

Need to have internal communication within the committee before and press release

Speak with one voice not separately.

AZ Daily Star has circulation of 92,000 during the week and 104,000 on Sunday.

Need to find other media outlets to offset the Star.

Significant events post on website with history and information on project.

