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Desert Bighorn Sheep and Cougar Management Math Table-1 Average Annual Desert Bighorn Mortality

Table 1

Category	Average Annual Desert BHS Mortality (death) Rate 1999-2012	
	All Causes of Death	Death by Cougar Predation
Before cougar removal- no protection for sheep	0.21	0.16
Following cougar removal	0.11	0.06
Males(rams) – Before cougar removal- no protection for sheep	0.21	0.16
Following cougar removal	0.11	0.03
Females (ewes) – Before cougar removal- no protection for sheep	0.21	0.16
Following cougar removal	0.11	0.07
Before cougar removal, Red River	0.21	0.16
Kofa	0.22	0.12
Extant	0.20	0.16