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Subject: Big Horn Sheep Count

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Folks,

This has nothing whatsoever to do with IDL, except that I wasn't doing anything related to IDL while doing it, but I spent the past couple of days in the Rawah Wilderness here in Colorado looking for Big Horn sheep as part of the Division of Wildlife's annual sheep count. (I've been doing it every year for the past 10 or so.)

Normally, we see sheep from a long distance away. In fact, we usually need a spotting scope to separate the males from the females for the count. But this year we ran into a group of six rams who seemed totally unconcerned by our presence. In fact, a couple of the younger rams allowed us to get within 20-30 feet of them without being concerned. I put a picture on my home page that my colleague took with a small digital camera:

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The larger members of this group were HUGE and I'm not sure I would have dared to get within 30 feet of those awesome horns. I can see why these magnificent animals, recently reintroduced into this part of our state, are the mascot of the local University. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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