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SECOND BABY ANIMAL HAS ARRIVED AT DESERT MUSEUM

Tucson, AZ (April 2, 2015) The Desert Museum welcomed another new arrival yesterday as a Bighorn lamb was born at approximately 2:00 PM, just in time for Easter. This new lamb's delivery arrives on the heels of the Museum's new black bear cub which made its debut on Monday, March 30th.

After examinations by Museum staff, it is reported that the lamb is doing well and nursing successfully. The sex of the lamb is still unknown. Both the lamb and bear cub are on public exhibit and can be seen during the Museum's public operating hours, except during veterinary checks and occasional nap times.

"The Museum is so pleased to have another successful birth as part of the Sustainable Species Program (SSP) organized by the American Zoological Society," offered Shawnee Riplog-Peterson, the Museum's Curator of Mammalogy and Ornithology. "And it's always a delight for visitors to see newborns and have the opportunity to watch them grow."

The lamb, currently less than one day old, is gaining walking, romping and climbing proficiency by the minute. Visitors may catch a glimpse of it frolicking as newborns do. Visitors are likely to be surprised by how quickly lambs adapt to steep terrain.

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The ewe which gave birth yesterday is the same ewe which delivered a female lamb just before Mother's Day, 2014. It is this ewe's 3rd lamb birth and the 7th successful lamb birth at the Museum.

The Museum now has three ewes which may breed with the Museum's resident male as part of the SSP project. This includes the female born last year that is unrelated to the Museum's ram. The ewe that gave birth yesterday was obtained in an exchange from the Los Angeles Zoo early in 2014 as part of the SSP's efforts to expand the genetic diversity in captive populations.

Photos and video are available for media use. Please contact Desert Museum at 520/883-3070 to request images and/or arrange for a photo or filming session.

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is one of the nation's leading outdoor, living museums, featuring more than 230 animals and 1,200 varieties of desert plants. Its purpose is to inspire people to live in harmony with the natural world by fostering love, appreciation, and understanding of the bi-national, Sonoran Desert region. The Museum is located at 2021 N. Kinney Road, in Tucson Mountain Park adjacent to Saguaro National Park (West). It is open daily year round with operating hours varying by season. Call (520) 883-2702 or visit www.desertmuseum.org for more information.

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