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# Lone bighorn sheep struck by vehicle near Palm Desert, second ram killed in as many days

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An adult bighorn sheep was struck and killed by a vehicle Monday while wandering across Highway 74 near Palm Desert, the second such collision in the area in as many days.

The crash was reported at 3:20 p.m. about 7 miles north of the community of Pinyon Pines, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The driver was not injured, but the impact of the crash rendered the vehicle inoperable.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel were summoned.

The male adult sheep died at the scene, according to the Bighorn Sheep Institute of Palm Desert, which reported that it was the second ram to be killed in as many days. Another ram was killed on Sunday along Highway 74.

Peninsular bighorn sheep are listed as a federally endangered species. Adults can weigh upwards of 200 pounds.

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