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Havasu 4 Wheelers work to fill dumpsters with debris collected during a desert cleanup effort Monday about one half mile east of Lake Havasu City.

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Dirty desert cleanup

Havasu 4 Wheelers cleaned up desert Monday

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Havasu 4 Wheelers, a local off-road group, gathered Monday to clear the desert area near Colt Drive and Paseo de Oro Drive in Lake Havasu City of shotgun shells, ammunition casings, and old televisions and computer monitors.

"There were hundreds of thousands of shotgun shells; the ground was carpeted with expended shotgun shells and casings," said club spokesman Bruce Speirs. "There was also, what were formerly, televisions and computer monitors that had been blown to bits."

The area surveyed and cleared was about a half mile into the desert and is an area used for informal and unregulated target shooting, he said.

When the club surveyed three weeks ago, there were couches and other discarded furniture. The furniture was removed by concerned citizens before the club's organized clean up.

Monday, 50 Havasu 4 Wheeler club members turned out for the cleanup and worked for four hours.

In all, the group filled two 40 cubic yard roll-off Dumpsters provided by the local trash company. The effort was a collective effort between the club, U.S. Bureau of Land Management Lake Havasu Office; Tread Lightly; and Keep Havasu Beautiful.