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Havasu desert enthusiasts clean up Buck Mountains



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Havasu 4 Wheelers club members volunteer to fence open mine shafts Wednesday in the Buck Mountains, which are 12 northeast of Lake Havasu City.

Sixteen volunteers, of Havasu 4 Wheelers, drove 16 jeeps into the Buck Mountains northeast of Lake Havasu City Wednesday and fenced six open mine shafts during an effort to promote safe off-roading in the area is an ongoing partnership with U.S. Bureau of Land Management, who provides the fencing materials and the club members who volunteer to do the work.

The work includes hiking terrain inaccessible by vehicle, driving steel posts into rock terrain, stringing barrier wire, and hanging warning signs. The mine shafts are described as both vertical and horizontal.

Club spokesman Bruce Speirs said the club's next outing for fencing mine shafts is tentatively set for late December, or early January 2013. They will return to the Buck Mountains, which are about 12 miles northeast of Havasu.

Havasu 4 Wheelers is made up of 160 members. Anyone interested in volunteering during the upcoming event is asked to call the BLM Havasu field office 928-505-1200.

The group's most recent effort was Nov. 5 when they cleaned an area of the desert near Colt Drive and Paseo de Oro Drive in Havasu of discarded shotgun shells, ammunition casings, old televisions and computer monitors, according to earlier reports.

