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## Havasu 4 Wheelers remove 6,000 pounds of trash from desert

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### ***Dirty deeds done dirt cheap***

Havasu 4 Wheeler members volunteer Tuesday to clean trash from the desert area off of Paseo De Oro Drive in Lake Havasu City.

Havasu 4 Wheelers removed 6,000 pounds of trash and debris Tuesday from local desert areas skirting northeast Lake Havasu City to the east. About 65 volunteers, most from the group roster, turned out about 8 a.m. Tuesday and split into two groups. The groups tackled the areas of desert off of Bison Boulevard and Paseo De Oro Drive.

“It’s our way of giving back to the desert areas we all use and enjoy,” said Havasu 4 Wheeler spokesman Bruce Speirs. “We filled two Dumpsters.” Each trash bin contained 40 cubic yards of trash. For comparison, 10,000 pounds of trash was collected by the group from local desert areas last year.

The annual effort is a partnership between the Havasu 4 Wheelers and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. In this case, U.S. Bureau of Land Management provided donuts and trash bags. Bashas’ Starbucks donated the coffee.

Neighbors of the area were thrilled. “This is great,” said Rose Baldo, of Havasu. “It’s just a mess. I try to chase people out of there all of the time.” Baldo, who rides her horse Chantella in that area three or four times weekly, said the debris and litter are dangerous for horses and dogs that are walked there.

The land there is littered with an immeasurable amount of shotgun shells, bullet casings, cardboard targets, a discarded hot tub, and an old fiberglass flat-bottom ski boat. Havasu 4 Wheelers removed both the hot tub and boat Tuesday.



Target trash and spent shells



Mike Yahrmarkt and Jim Bowen and the boat.