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## **Opinion: Let's just dump the old hot tub in the desert!**

Somebody out there really has to be kidding!

A hot tub dumped in the desert at the end of Bison Boulevard and Paseo De Oro?

Over the years, **Havasu 4 Wheelers** have taken tons of trash out of the beautiful desert surrounding Lake Havasu City. But the hot tub kind of takes the cake. In its most recent effort, with the cooperation and help of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 6,000 pounds of debris was removed from the desert area on the north end of town.

Six thousand pounds! That's a tragedy and an outrage.

People who desert dump were never apparently taught to clean up after themselves. It shows a complete lack of respect for the environment in their own surrounding neighborhood. It really makes you wonder what their houses look like.

**Some 65 volunteers turned out last week to once again take care of Mother Earth. And they are owed a huge debt of thanks.** Along with the hot tub, a fiberglass ski boat was hauled away. Immeasurable amount of shotgun shells, bullet casings, cardboard targets and more were removed. Most everyone is familiar with the slogan, "Pack it in, Pack it out." That's just lost on those who would trash the desert.

Dumping doesn't always happen in the desert around Lake Havasu City, it also takes place along the shoreline of the Lake and in various other places in the area. Some years back, the Lake Havasu City Marine Association made an effort to eliminate some of the trash around the Lake by installing garbage bag poles and ensuring the poles are constantly stocked with bags. It has worked relatively well.

The desert area surrounding Lake Havasu City is a favorite spot for target shooters and that's all well and good until the refuse left behind amounts to "immeasurable" amounts.

What could be easier than removing spent ammunition, targets and other items that have obviously been brought in for someone's enjoyment?

Not to mention the possible harm that could come to folks hiking or walking their dogs in the area. Stepping on broken glass from bottles shot for fun and spent ammo takes the enjoyment out of taking in the desert wonders.

If everyone would just clean up after themselves and remember there is a landfill also on the north end of town, some of the 6,000 pounds could be eliminated next time the stalwart volunteers make the effort to clean up for them.

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