



E-Waste Collection at Winslow a Success

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Little did ADEQ Communications Director Mark Shaffer and Northeast Arizona Liaison Byron James know when they set out on the road early Saturday that they were heading for the “Hurricane Winslow” electronics waste recycling event in the northeast Arizona city. Winds of up to 70 mph buffeted Winslow, blowing over signs and propelling fast-moving, unattended shopping carts from the adjoining Safeway parking lot into the trucks of ADEQ partner E-Waste Harvesters. The winds

created a billowing red cloud of dust that shut down Interstate 40 between Winslow and Flagstaff, no doubt reducing the number of participants in the event as the nearly empty nearby Wal-Mart Supercenter parking lot graphically showed. But through it all, ADEQ and its other partners -- City of Winslow, Navajo County, Safeway, Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corp., Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation & Development Area and NAPA Auto Parts – collected 10,758 pounds of computers, monitors, TVs and other e-recyclable material from the 62 motorists who braved the gale-force winds. About 80 computers and 40 TVs were collected along with nearly 4,000 pounds of printers, microwaves and various other pieces of aged electronic gadgetry. Of particular note were 13 vehicles which made the long drive from the villages of the Hopi Nation. Most of them were loaded to the gills, bringing discarded electronics items from their households along with the e-waste of four or five neighbors. The elementary school located at First Mesa sent a pickup with 25 computers aboard. We really pushed the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) to move fast on the paperwork so we could get rid of all this stuff,” said Davis Shula, a school district employee. ADEQ would especially like to thank the City of Winslow’s Building Code Enforcement Director Joe Jarvis, Native American Liaison Peggy Adams and Vice Mayor Harold Soehner for their long hours of help in the event along with Todd Roth, a reporter for the *Navajo-Hopi Observer*, who not only reported the event but helped with the heavy lifting throughout the day. Dennis Chandler, Coordinator of the Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D in Holbrook, also brought a load to the event and played a key role in the organization of the e-waste recycling day. ADEQ’s e-waste recycling program has now collected nearly 150 tons of e-waste at 16 events throughout Arizona since its inception last August.

Mark Shaffer, Communications Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

This was a great adventure for the RC&D. Putting up flyer, making phone calls and just taking part in an excellent activity.

The next E-Waste collection is tentative planned for August 28 and will be held at the Show Low Wal-Mart parking lot.

Up Coming Events

- July 14 Semi-Annual Council Meeting
Woodland Lakes Park—Pinetop
11:30am
- July 23 Pinetop Town Hall meeting at Lakeside Fire Department concerning Rainbow Lake
- July 27-29 Weed Short Course—Farmington, NM
- August 28 E-Waste Recycling Show Low Wal Mart



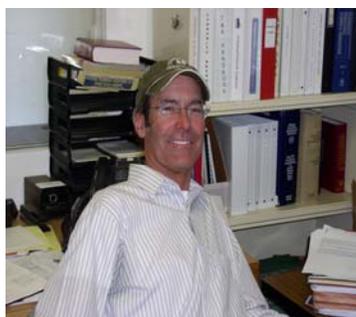
Homer Rogers
BOD Secretary

BOD / Council Training

Everyone of the Board of Directors are very green to the RC&D concept with the exception of J R DeSpain. As we attend the BOD meetings I know that we all feel lost at times. Trying to stay up with just the acronyms is a job in itself. All of us want to feel good about being on the RC&D board and the more training we get, the better we will all feel about being on the RC&D Board. I feel that every council representative should

have training as well so that they become more involved as well. The more we really understand the functions and purposes of the RC&D the more we are apt to have the RC&D as a center of focal point in assisting with the development of projects that are vital to each of our communities. I have asked Dennis Chandler, our RC&D Coordinator, to develop a one day training program that we could attend to become in-

formed on the RC&D Concept, the responsibilities of Board Members and Council Members and to begin to have the vision on how the RC&D can be used to further enhance projects in our communities. It will be a partial day training in July or August. We will get the notice out to everyone. I would plead for all Board members and council members to attend.



Clay Van Deren
Land Management/Invasive Weeds Project Director

Weed Update

The Little Colorado River Weed Management Area (WMA) is now moving along well. Our program with the Office of the State Forester has been going very well since March 10, 2010. We have met with Bob Celeya, State Forest Health Specialist, on April 21st and again on May 18th to develop a very good weed management strategy for site work planned for some forested areas on state and private lands.

The WMA projects on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests stumbled for a period of time as they went through a review process of our program. As of June 2, 2010 the WMA has once again been able to begin our program for 2010 with funding from that source. We appreciate the help our weed program has received from both the State and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

We are planning to participate in helping send some of our WMA committee members to the 17th Annual Southwestern Noxious, Invasive Plant Short Course. This will be on July 27, 2010 to July 29, 2010 in Farmington, New Mexico. This is under the direction of Dr. Larry Howery at the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, as part of the Cooperative Extension Service. The WMA will help be a sponsor this year for the first time.

The WMA has had two field demonstrations so far this year, along with our monthly WMA meetings. The field demonstration on April 12, 2010 was an equipment demonstration for Pinon-Juniper control. The second demonstration was on a Tamarisk control project on May 24, 2010. These demonstrations were both in the Show Low Creek watershed. We hope to someday be able to expand our WMA strategy to include control of these larger species.

Our monthly WMA meetings are doing well and are held every month. Attendance in March was ten (10), in April it was ten (10) and in May attendance was eight (8). We have a well balanced program and as the weed season begins our priority is to work on sites that will help identify noxious and invasive weeds on larger tracts of land that threaten or endanger forested areas.

The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; 'tis dearness only that gives everything its value".
Thomas Paine

Rainbow Lake

Many of the RC&D newsletter readers know that Rainbow Lake in our beautiful White Mountains is choked with weeds. For over 15 years, the Show Low Creek Watershed Enhancement Partnership has worked to eradicate these weeds. A solution is in sight!

With the assistance of the Little Colorado Watershed, the Partnership now has an approved eradication program and 50% of the funding needed to complete the project this Fall. Help is needed.

A critical Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 23, beginning with lunch at 11:30 AM at the Lakeside Fire Department, 2922 W. White Mountain Blvd in Lakeside.

The purposes of the meeting are to share a brief history of the weed problem and its impact on the Town; explain the solution that has been identified and its cost and *explore ways to raise the remaining 50% of the \$30,000 needed to treat Rainbow Lake.*

David A. Brown, prominent Water Rights Attorney will speak and address the status of the current Navajo and Hopi litigation on the Little Colorado River. All of the politicians vying for office in Legislative District V have been invited; Republican candidates Sen. Sylvia Allen and Elaine Barton and Democratic candidate Elaine Bohlmeyer have indicated they will attend.

The meeting is open to all interested parties. The partnership has focused efforts solving the weed issues in Rainbow Lake. A solution has been identified and roughly 50% of the needed funds have been raised.

All funds raised will be handled by the Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D and *may be tax deductible.*

Anyone interested in the Town Hall meeting or able to contribute may call David Newlin, Watershed Projects Director at the Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D at david@littlecolorado.net, office (928) 524-6063 ext. 123 or cell at (928) 322-6146 for more information.



David Newlin
Watershed Project Director



Semi-Annual Council Meeting - July 14, 2010

The Semi-Annual Council meeting of the Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D will be held Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at the Woodland Lake Park in Pinetop, Arizona. We invite all our council representatives and friends of the RC&D to come and participate. Lunch will be served. The activities will begin at 11:30 and will conclude at 1:30. Dr Rand Decker will brief us on Weather Modification and Dr. Kathy Hemenway will brief us on Alternative Energy . Please RSVP at info@littlecolorado.net so that we can have a good head count for the food. If you have any questions, please call the RC&D office at 928-524-6063 ext. 5.

In great matters men show themselves as they wish to be seen; in small matters, as they are.

Gamaliel Bradford

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Over the Fence

What is the real value of a small business? Coming from a small farming community in Eastern Colorado, I remember as a child that my parents, sister and I would generally go to the small town of Burlington and do our shopping and come home. Sometime we would take in a movie. But everything that we needed was there. And so those stores in Burlington hired people to take care of the customers. And everyone pretty well spent most of their monies there in that small little town. Today we live in quite a different world. We travel the state over to purchase goods and services. But the needs of our small

rural communities are still the same. How do we take care of those needs? How do we improve roads, provide water and electrical needs, schools, hospitals, and the list goes on. It is from our tax dollars. So how important are you to the community that you live in and how important is that you and I buy as much as we possibly can locally? How important are our small rural communities to the overall health of Arizona? To the U.S. as a whole? And where is the voice for those small rural communities? The RC&D has been a program that address the concerns of the underserved and the under represented. Where do you

turn to when it seems that all around us ideas, needs and concerns seem to fall on deaf ears? The Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D has been in business for 39 years addressing the needs and concerns of local citizens. We have not been successful in addressing every concern, or having every good ideas become reality and profitable. But we are a resource that is available for you, your organization, or your community to use in developing a plan that potentially may lead to funding your project or idea. Give us a call, just maybe we can help.

Ideas are powerful things, requiring not a studios contemplation but an action, even if it is only an inner action.

Midge Dector