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## **ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, Sept. 25 at City of Williams Rodeo Grounds**

PHOENIX (Sept. 16, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday morning, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. until noon at the City of Williams Rodeo Grounds.

ADEQ and its partners -- Grand Canyon Railway, Xanterra Parks and Resorts, the City of Williams, Williams Clean and Beautiful and E-Waste Harvesters – anticipate collecting tons of unwanted TVs, computers, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, fax machines, cables and cords during the event.

The recyclable material will be collected at the rodeo grounds, located at Airport Road and Rodeo Road in the northeast part of Williams. ADEQ also co-sponsored a free e-waste event in Williams in September 2009 in which 12,053 pounds of recyclables were collected.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from E-Waste Harvesters if they want the document. E-Waste Harvesters will erase all hard drives with state of the art software and the company recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

“E-waste is hi-tech litter that's becoming one of Arizona's fastest growing environmental threats,” said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles. “We can all make a difference by pitching in to the recycle bin and turn a potentially toxic stream of waste into useful products and green profits. We are excited about returning to Williams for a second year after the success we enjoyed there last year.”

“As part of our Environmental Management System, Xanterra Parks & Resorts is committed to a zero landfill policy and a verifiable paper trail of the downstream when it comes to the proper management of electronic waste. We will also be collecting waste tires at this event free of charge,” said Morgan O'Connor, director of environmental affairs for Grand Canyon Railway.

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