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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event on Aug. 25 at Walmart Parking Lot in Show Low

PHOENIX – (Aug. 6, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that their fourth annual Free Electronic Waste Recycling Event for the White Mountains region will be held Saturday, Aug. 25 in the parking lot of the Walmart in Show Low, 5401 S. White Mountain Rd., from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ADEQ and its partners – City of Show Low, Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, White Mountain Apache Tribe Environmental Protection Office, Northland Pioneer College, Walmart, Waste Management, Larson Waste, Navajo County, Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. and E-Waste Harvesters of Phoenix -- anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computer equipment, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, stereos, cables and cords.

Show Low's fourth annual event e-waste collection event also will offer the opportunity for residents to recycle paper, cardboard, aluminum and tin cans and plastic numbers 1, 2 and 3, which are plastic drink bottles, fabric conditioner, bleach, shampoo and toiletries bottles. All metal items will be accepted except refrigerators and freezers. For more information, call (928) 532-4124 or (928) 337-3565 or email bfj@azdeq.gov.

In addition to residents of Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside, ADEQ officials are encouraging all White Mountains area residents and businesses to bring their electronic recyclables to the event, including residents of the nearby White Mountain Apache Tribe, Snowflake, Taylor, St. Johns, Springerville, Eagar, Concho, Vernon, Alpine, Nutrioso, Greer, Shumway, Heber-Overgaard, Pinedale, Clay Springs and Linden.

During the past three years, the Show Low Walmart has played host to the most popular e-waste collection events in the state with 163 tons of material collected from nearly 1,000 vehicles.

“The turnout and support for these events in Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside and the rest of the White Mountains region has been fantastic,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “We’re honored to have the opportunity to return for this fourth annual event and work with our many public and private partners in the region.”

Darwin added, “This is a great opportunity for people to dispose of all the unwanted electronics they have collected over the years while at the same time ensuring that this potentially toxic stream of waste is disposed of responsibly and does not take up valuable landfill space.”

Steve North, business development coordinator for the City of Show Low, said, “We're pleased to collaborate with ADEQ and our other partners to bring this Fourth Annual E-Waste Collection Event to the White Mountains. We think this will be another record-breaking event and look to set a new standard for the rest of the state to meet.”

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 recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

ADEQ has sponsored 66 e-recycling events around the state during the past three years and collected more than 1.6 million pounds of e-waste from about 12,000 motorists.