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## **Southern Navajo County Residents Offered Christmas Tree Recycling Dec. 27-Jan. 7 in Show Low, Lakeside, Snowflake**

PHOENIX (Dec. 14, 2010) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and its partners in southern Navajo County are offering an environment-friendly way of recycling your Christmas tree.

Residents of Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, Snowflake, Taylor and surrounding areas are encouraged to “treecycle” their trees at three drop-off locations. The trees will be ground into chips and used to produce electricity at the Snowflake Power, LLC biomass power plant, located west of Snowflake.

The trees will be accepted from Dec. 27 until Jan. 7 at the following locations: 1) Behind Show Low City Hall, 550 N. Ninth Place in Show Low; 2) at the Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex, 1101 S. Woodland Road in Lakeside; and 3) at Larson Waste, 1440 W. Rutledge Drive in Snowflake.

“We’re excited about this recycling opportunity and hope it will be model for others around the State during the holiday season,” said ADEQ Acting Director Henry Darwin. “Recycling Christmas trees to make biomass offers big environmental benefits.”

Those bringing the trees to the drop-off locations should remove all items from the trees including ornaments, wire hooks, lights, tinsel, garlands, nails, screws and stands.

This Christmas tree recycling effort is being sponsored by ADEQ, City of Show Low, towns of Pinetop-Lakeside, Snowflake and Taylor, Larson Waste and Snowflake Power, LLC and has been planned by the Northeastern Arizona Recycling Committee <http://nearizonarecyclingcommittee.blogspot.com/> For more information, call (928) 532-4124 in Show Low, (928) 368-8696 in Pinetop-Lakeside and (928) 536-3398 in Snowflake.

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