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ADEQ Officials Announce Free Cleanup Event for Navajo County Community of Pinedale on Saturday, May 12

PHOENIX (May 1, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free cleanup event will be held for the Navajo County unincorporated area of Pinedale on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the community center, 1264 Pinedale Road.

Items accepted at the event include non-hazardous waste like metals, appliances, tires, construction debris without asbestos and household waste like old furniture. To dispose of items, Pinedale residents need to bring proof of residency.

Hazardous materials that will not be accepted at the event include paint, oil and other auto fluids, batteries, pesticides and herbicides, other chemicals and solvents, biohazardous and medical waste, asbestos, railroad ties, 55-gallon drums and fluorescent light bulbs. For information about where to recycle those items, visit the Web site <http://earth911.com/>.

“Free disposal activities such as this event for Pinedale residents reduce the amount of illegal dumping that is done around the state,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “Waste and debris can scar the landscape and attract disease-spreading rodents and insects.”

In addition to ADEQ, other sponsors for the event are Navajo County, Clay Springs/Pinedale Volunteer Fire Department and Pinedale Heritage, Inc.