

## **Appendix K**

### **Malpai Borderlands Group**

### **FY 2004 Border Project**

**Project Name:** UDI Trash Clean-up

**Unit Name:** Malpai Borderlands Group

**Date of Project:** October 2003 to September 2004

**Location:** Southeastern Arizona. (Please see map that follows).  
Beginning at Douglas, Arizona, go east--follow the US/Mexican border to the border of New Mexico. Go north on the New Mexico/Arizona border to the confluence of Township 21 S and 22 S. Go West to Highway 80 and south on highway 80 to Douglas, Arizona

**Participants:** Juan Rameriz, contractor

**Project Coordinator(s):** Malpai Borderlands Group with each area rancher/ property owner and lessee.

**Description of Project:** Mr. Rameriz reported daily to the area in which he was working. Each day he covered an area that he could walk to from established roads, often walking a mile or two from the roads, filling 45 gallon plastic garbage bags with trash as he went. He then returned to the truck picking up the filled bags and loading his truck. He averaged eight bags of trash per day. Some days he would fill the truck with 15 bags and some days he walked several miles and found scattered trash, amounting to two to four bags only. He covered many miles of open country. He used a "grabber" to reach into the bushes to extract the trash.

Mr. Rameriz worked with each individual rancher to learn the roads and he was given the combination for all of the locked gates. He drove 4,639 miles and walked many more. The total amount of trash cleaned up and taken to the land fill was not determined.

**Results:** An area covering more than 180 square miles was cleaned up. The trash that was removed consisted of razors, combs, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, makeup, toothbrushes, medications, (Naproxin, Advil, Aspirin, stomach meds, electrolytes), pants, underwear, shirts, jewelry, hats, caps, gloves, coats, high heeled shoes, shower shoes, boots, tennis shoes, thongs, thousands of plastic water bottles from 1 gallon size to pint size, food cans opened with a pocket knife leaving ragged edges, torn metal lids, tortillas, jars of food, broken glass jars, food cans from Safeway and Walmart in Douglas complete with receipts, unopened food, food from Mexico, ripped back packs, fanny packs, baby bottles, disposable diapers, used sanitary pads, fecal matter (he buries this), paper from maquiladore factories, airline tickets, bus ticket stubs, phone cards, batteries, occasional coins, blankets, towels, rags, rope, string, wire, lots of plastic bags used for

carrying food, large bags for use as raincoats, and many family photos and correspondence.

One day alone he picked up 80 discarded backpacks near Highway 80.

Although large areas that were trashed are now clean they will have to be revisited and cleaned up again.

The following are “Before” and “After” photos of typical sites littered with trash by smugglers and illegal immigrants on private ranchlands in southeast Arizona cleaned up by the Malpai Borderlands Group in 2004. These photos also show a few of the countless “wildcat” trails that have developed over the past several years by literally thousands of smugglers and illegal immigrants traveling in and along washes and cross-country in southeast Arizona.



“Wildcat” Trail

Before



After



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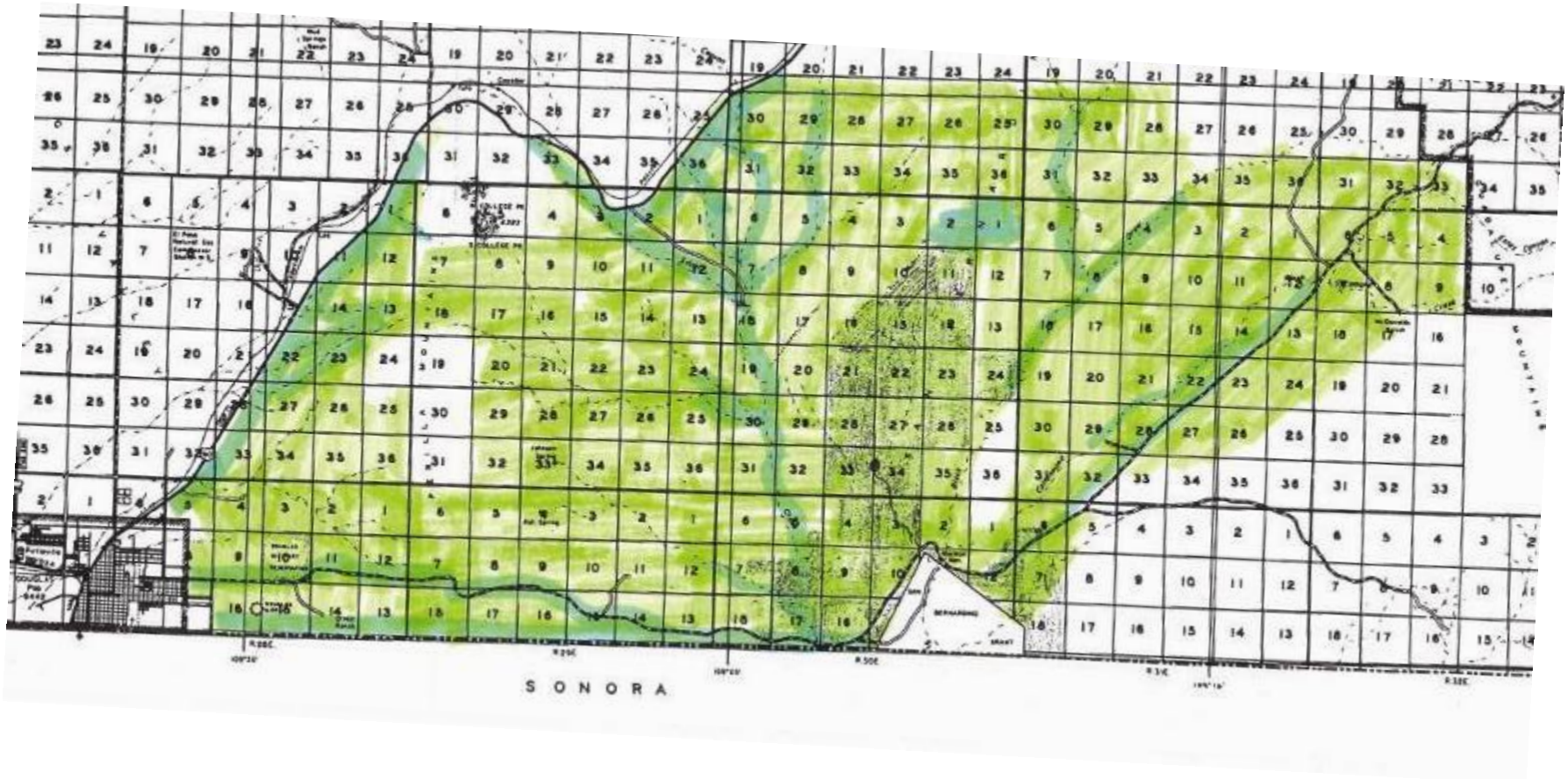


After



Two to five pickup loads, such as these, were picked up and hauled per week.

## Map 2—Illegal Immigrant Trash Cleanup



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Trash cleanup was done throughout colored area (green). Darker areas (blue) had heavy concentrations