

APPENDIX J

Malpai Borderlands Group

FY 2005 Border Project

Project Name: UDI TRASH CLEAN-UP ANNUAL REPORT

Unit Name: MALPAI BORDERLANDS GROUP
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Date of Project: October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005

Location: Southeastern Arizona (area map enclosed)

From Douglas east on the Mexican Border to the border of New Mexico, go north on the border to just above the confluence of Township 21S and 22S then go west to Highway 80 and south to Douglas, Arizona.

Add to this area, some cleanup on Leslie Canyon Road area north of Douglas and west of Highway 80, into Tex Canyon and Buck Creek, in the Pedregosa Mountains and Chiricahuas.

Project Coordinators: Malpai Borderlands Group and local property owners/lessees.
Border Patrol helps with information.

Participants: Juan Rameriz, Contractor,
Shaine Parker, Contractor
Larry Brasher, Contractor on road repair.

Mr. Brasher repaired roads that were damaged by undocumented immigrants (UDI) or undocumented aliens (UDA) and Border Patrol traffic.

Mr. Rameriz has continued to work on the trash project until May 2005. He then was put in charge of the Malpai Watershed Project.

He was replaced with Shaine Parker who lives in the Malpai area.

Both men have reported daily to work, at least 5 days a week. They have tried to work areas that aren't wet when we have big rains like last winter. They have missed working because of some bad weather.

They go into an area as far as they can drive and walk long distances into trashed areas. This involves carrying bags of trash long ways to the roads. Often the trash is in isolated, steep, brushy canyons. The Border Patrol and local ranchers tell the trash man where there is a place that needs to be cleaned up. Because they are carrying the bags to their vehicles, and then depositing them in land fills where there is no scale to weigh the trash, it isn't possible to even approximate the weight. They average 8 to 10 bags a day. They use smaller bags for the heavier trash. They often empty the bags into the dumpsters and reuse the bags again.

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Costs for year:

Labor: \$16,369.50

Supplies and fees: \$345.84

Mileage: \$3,126.20

Miles driven: 8,932 miles

Total BLM funds used for FY 2005 \$19,841.54

Results: There is a large area that has been cleaned up. Some roads were repaired where UDA and Border Patrol traffic had caused extensive erosion.

The trash that is removed consists of:

- **Personal Hygiene:** Razors, combs, brushes, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, makeup, toothbrushes, medications, (Naproxin, Advil, Aspirin, stomach meds, electrolytes), vitamins.
- **Clothing:** Pants, sox, underwear, shirts, hats, caps, gloves, coats.
- **Shoes-** high heels, shower shoes, boots, tennis shoes and thongs.
- **Jewelry:** Watches, necklaces, bracelets, knives, key chains.
- **Bottles:** Thousands of plastic water bottles from 1-gallon size to pint size, broken glass jars, electrolyte bottles, juices, milk containers, baby bottles.
- **Food cans:** most from Mexico, but some with Russian labels found here. Food cans opened with a pocketknife, leaving ragged edges and torn metal lids;
- **Food:** Bread, tortillas, jars of food, baby food and formula, food from Safeway and Wal-Mart in Douglas, complete with receipts, some not opened; juice, milk, sodas, electrolytes.
- **Paper:** Many items are from other countries besides Mexico. Forms from maquiladore factories; airline and bus ticket stubs; phone cards, Social Security cards; identification cards, pay receipts from work in US, photographs, letters, books, promissory notes, paper money, toilet paper, sanitary pads, disposable diapers.
- **Fabric and plastic:** Blankets, towels, table cloths, serapes, rags, rope, string, wire, lots of plastic bags used for carrying food, or large ones for use as raincoats. Back packs, fanny packs, shoulder packs, wallets, gloves.

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- **Miscellaneous:** Batteries, cell phones, radios. Fecal matter that that the clean-up fellow buries.

Damage done from UDA traffic:

- Springs are fouled and full of trash. Water troughs are used as bath tubs and clothes washers.
- Calves and wildlife are killed for food.
- Fences are mashed down and broken, gates are left open, pipelines are cut, there is a larger incidence of theft from homes.
- The International Border fence is down in many places. Border Patrol/Horse Patrol has just recently begun to fix the fence in places. The ranchers have historically had to fix the border fences themselves.
- Cattle and wildlife are constantly frightened by people on foot and are running from groups. Shaine Parker was parked on the side of Highway 80 north of Douglas, gathering trash and his tires were slashed.

Good news:

There have been large areas that were trashed, that are now clean. Some of the areas are new trash and some are being cleaned again because of new traffic.

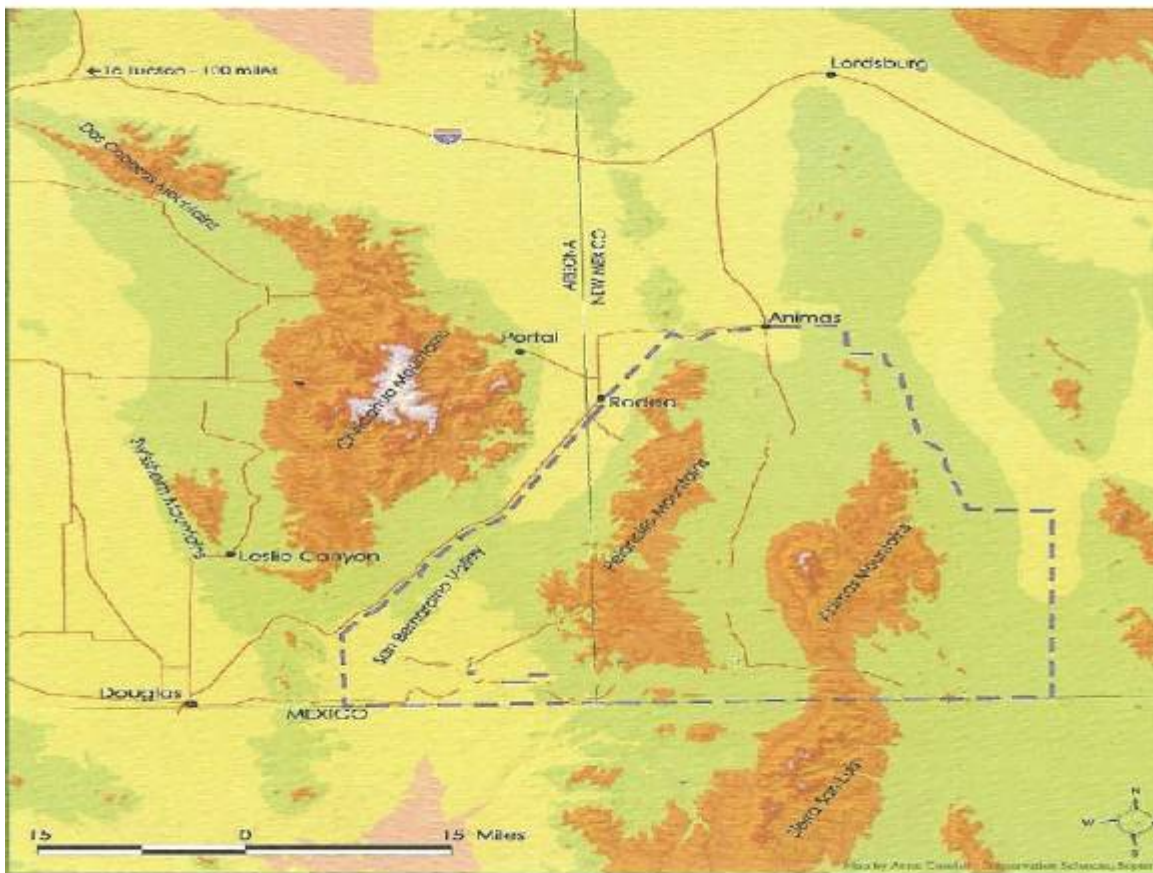
Several places are fencing off the wildcat roads that are a result of the vehicular traffic across the open country where there are no actual roads. Some roads were repaired where UDA and Border Patrol traffic had caused extensive erosion.

Additional Information for future plans:

This year, we had other money for the watershed work that we had to use. We probably will use some of this grant in the next year for some fencing, road work and other repairs of improvements that have been damaged. Drift fences are being built to control the cattle that are running in panic for several miles at a time.

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Map showing Malpai Borderlands Group Area of Concern
in New Mexico and Arizona



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Malpais Borderlands
Group: Trash
Removal



MBG: area with
archaeological
sites

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MBG:
archaeological
site covered by
UDI trash



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Before trash removal



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After trash removal and clean-up

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Before (above) and After (below)



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Trail Clean up: Before (above) and After (below)



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Rest Stop Clean Up: Before (above) and After (below)



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A new trail is cleaned up: Before (above) and After (below)



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At the International Border Before (above) and After (below)



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Rock defacement: Anti-Border Patrol (above)
Wildcat road (below)



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Items left by illegal immigrants: identification, family photographs, Bible, medicines and blankets



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Trash Removed: Worn tires left from road dragging



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Marijuana pack (above) and trash site encountered by visitors to the borderlands



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Near Spring in mountains (above); spring in mountains (below)

