

BLM COLORADO: SOUTHWEST AND UPPER COLORADO RIVER DISTRICTS



2023-2024 CAMPAIGN REDUCE LLEGAL **DUMPING** on public lands in Colorado

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Gather Background Information

Outreach to SWD and UCRD field offices revealed that:

- Staff spend significant time and money on the issue
- Actions are primarily reactive
- Dumpsites are generally close to offices/population centers
- Dumpsites are typically easily accessible
- Surveillance is difficult due to dispersed access.
- Other priorities limit response



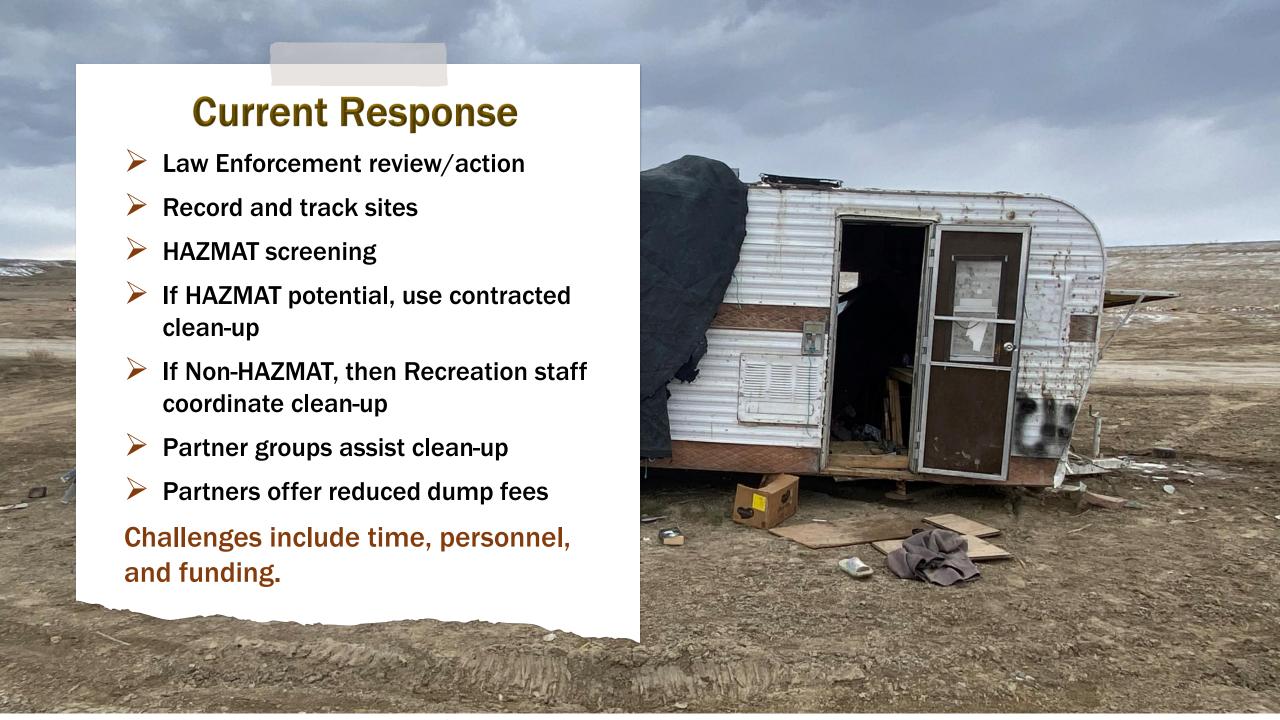
What?

- ✓ Construction waste
- √ Target material
- √ Household waste
- √ Yard Waste
- ✓ Electronic waste
- ✓ Appliances
- **✓ Campsite waste**
- **✓** Furniture
- ✓ Animal carcasses
- ✓ Tires
- √ Vehicles (cars/RVs/trailers)

Why?

- Convenience
- Added expense
- Local cultural acceptance
- No apparent alternative
- Failure of alternatives (facility closed/does not accept item).



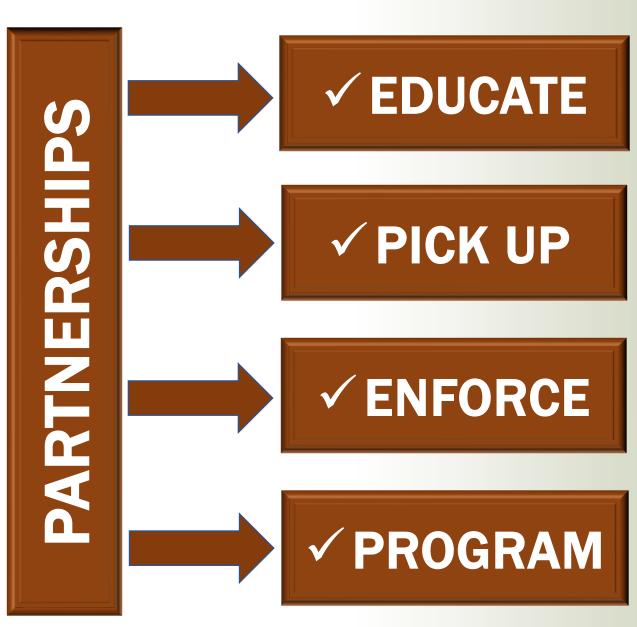


ISSUES

- Contrary to BLM mission:

 "To protect our national resources to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations."
- Eyesore impacting visitor experience
- Health & safety risks to humans and wildlife
- Breeding ground for disease-carrying vectors
- **→** Risk to water quality
- Direct costs and personnel time







STEPS TO REDUCE IMPACTS OF ILLEGAL DUMPING



Get the message out through media and public outreach and education

- Service and other community groups
- School education programs
- Offer viable legal alternatives.







- Develop local IDIQ contract for clean-up
- Use local personnel for simple clean-ups
- Leverage/create partnerships
- Seek business partners
- Provide easy means of reporting.



- Publicize successful law enforcement actions
- Offer reward for reporting that leads to ticketing
- Team up with other agencies to increase law enforcement success
- Improve surveillance of known problem spots.











- Incorporate efforts to reduce illegal dumping into regular annual program
- Program personnel and funding for ongoing efforts
- Program time at public and in-house meetings to educate and report on program
- Program regular events for public outreach and education.



DRAFT TIMELINE

- Dec 5-April 10:
 - DRAFT written plan
 - Implement mini-pilot at known problem areas
- April 22 (Earth Day): Public outreach: information handouts/banners at events and Montrose Public Lands Center
- May 20-June 30: PowerPoint summarizing plan for presentations
- Sept 9–23: Participate in National Public Lands Day events
- Sept 1-Dec 30: Develop partnerships; develop public outreach materials in conjunction with BLM Public Affairs/Communications
- Jan 1-March 15: Prepare tasks and milestones for 2024 implementation and assessment



Questions? Comments? Ideas for community partnerships?

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