



U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management

**Reduce  
Illegal  
Dumping**  
on Public Lands in Colorado



Call XXX-XXX-XXXX

or

Visit [www.xxxx/xxxxxxx](http://www.xxxx/xxxxxxx)

★ To report a dumpsite

★ For disposal options

# BLM COLORADO: SOUTHWEST AND UPPER COLORADO RIVER DISTRICTS

## 2023-2024 CAMPAIGN

# REDUCE ILLEGAL 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
- ✓ Household waste
- ✓ Electronic waste
- ✓ Campsite waste
- ✓ Animal carcasses
- ✓ Vehicles (cars/RVs/trailers)
- ✓ Target material
- ✓ Yard Waste
- ✓ Appliances
- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Tires

## Why?

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





## Current Response

- Law Enforcement review/action
- Record and track sites
- HAZMAT screening
- If HAZMAT potential, use contracted clean-up
- If Non-HAZMAT, then Recreation staff coordinate clean-up
- Partner groups assist clean-up
- Partners offer reduced dump fees

**Challenges include time, personnel, and funding.**





# 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**





# PARTNERSHIPS

✓ EDUCATE

✓ PICK UP

✓ ENFORCE

✓ PROGRAM





# STEPS TO REDUCE IMPACTS OF ILLEGAL DUMPING

## ✓ EDUCATE

Get the message out through media and public outreach and education

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







## ✓ PICK UP

- 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.

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## ✓ ENFORCE

- 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.





## ✓ PROGRAM

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- 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

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- **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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