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Moapa Valley students to help clean up eyesore
30-acre parcel to be prepared for agricultural use

MOAPA VALLEY – Over 160 students from Moapa Valley High School will converge on a 30-acre parcel of land in their rural community to pick up trash and begin a massive clean-up of a troublesome dumping ground.

The clean-up, involving athletic teams and other organizations from the school, will take place from 6 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 15. The site is at the corner of Ramos Ranch Road and Moapa Valley Boulevard, about a mile from the high school.

The August 15 event marks the start of a reclamation process that will last about four weeks. During that time, heavy equipment will be brought in to remove and mulch Tamarisk trees and noxious weeds that are choking the landscape. Volunteers also will remove junk, rocks and debris that have been dumped on the CCSD-owned property during the last 20 years.

The effort is being coordinated by Partners in Conservation (PIC), a Moapa-based non-profit group. PIC Chairman Lindsey Dalley said, “We are going to take a 30 acre useless parcel and turn it into something productive.” The land will eventually become a grazing area for cattle from the nearby Moapa Valley High School agricultural farm. The year-round working farm, which features livestock and a greenhouse, produces crops ranging from pumpkins to tomatoes.

Moapa Valley High School Assistant Principal Hal Mortensen says the valley’s residents are noted for their community-minded efforts. “We are very proud of our students who have volunteered for this worthwhile project. They are already active in the community, and this is just one more way for them to see the value and rewards of volunteerism.”

CCSD Trustee Chris Garvey and Clark County Commissioner Tom Collins are scheduled to be on hand for the August 15 clean-up. Dalley said, “I am grateful to our elected officials and to the school district for taking the lead with this innovative project, which will allow significant involvement by young people and will be a great source of community pride.”

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