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Volunteers Needed to Help Restore Wildlife Area

County Attorney partners with state and local agencies in environmental clean up

County Attorney Andrew Thomas is seeking your help in protecting the natural beauty of the Tres Rios wildlife area. The convergence of the Gila, Salt and Agua Fria Rivers is threatened by polluters. That's why the County Attorney's Office has teamed up with Arizona Game and Fish, Avondale Police, and Goodyear Police to prosecute polluters, poachers, and vandals. As that effort gets underway we are seeking volunteers for a "Spring Cleaning" on Saturday, February 20. The County Attorney's Office; The Cities of Avondale and Goodyear; and Arizona Game and Fish will host a clean up of the river banks to get ready for Tres Rios Nature & Earth Festival in March.

If you would like to volunteer, log onto to maricopacountyattorney.org. Volunteers from the County Attorney's Office will be handing out bottled water, hand sanitizer, garbage bags and commemorative tee shirts. If you want to participate it's a good idea to wear old work clothes, work gloves, sunscreen, sun glasses, a hat, and sturdy footwear. The cleanup begins at 7 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the northernmost parking lot of the Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, five miles south of I-10 on Avondale Boulevard (7602 S. Avondale Blvd.).

This wildlife area is home to cottonwood, willow, salt cedar, seep willow, and other plants that can only thrive in riparian areas. Animals such as hawks, osprey, peregrine falcons, the desert tortoise, beavers, bobcats, and javelina make their homes in this area.

Thomas stated, "This effort represents a partnership of law enforcement and volunteers to clean up this precious resource and to prosecute those who do it harm. We stand with local police and Game and Fish to make sure this landscape is restored and preserved."

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