Project Objective(s):

To demonstrate a low-cost, shared trash bin collection program. Huslia wanted to evaluate whether a collection program in conjunction with community education/outreach can reduce regular trash burn barrel use by community residents. Design and build inexpensive locally constructed trash bins.

Results:

- 60% of households have signed up for collection service.
- Collection fees are being paid.
- 20 trash bins were built.

Benefits:

- Less barrel burning of trash so community health is better protected.
- Community-service utility established.
- Two local job created- one for making the bins and one for trash collection
- Successful community-support incentive.

Lessons Learned:

- Need to place trash bins most convenient for customers.
- When service was stopped due to vehicle breakdown, barrel burning increased again.
- Need to have a backup plan when vehicles breakdown.
- Need to find innovative and fun ways to encourage service payments.
- Squirrels like to chew into trash bags.

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Trash Collection Program



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Project Timeline 2012 Community Environmental Demonstration Project Grant Work done prior to March 2012 Barrel burning human and environmental health issues identified. Huslia awarded Community support gathered for grant proposal. Zender CEDP grant. Wrote and submitted successful proposal. Ordered vehicles. Began Presented equipment and supplies for Decided on "right" construction on Households and Project at collection program. locations for bins. Set Completed bins. business began Annual AFE in construction of up regular route & signing up for Anchoraae 20 trash bins. pick-up schedule service. Mar '12 Feb '13 April '12 July '12 Sep '12 Oct '12 Nov '12 Dec '12 May '12 June '12 Aug '12 Jan '12 Began collection service. Arranged Developed Hired a carpenter to Everyone logistics for project build trash bins. regardless if barge delivery. presentation. paying was Supplies begin to Began to closeallowed to use arrive. out grant. bins for the first month. Started community outreach and education efforts.