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**“Of 7,563 beverage containers retrieved from Sky Island wild lands, 96.5% belong to one brand...”**

**MAKING THE BEER THAT YAHOOOS CHOOSE!**

**Poster abstract: Analysis of beer can and bottle numbers found on wild lands in the Sky Island region of Arizona and New Mexico**

*Disclaimer: some of us do, in fact, drink this stuff, but we ALWAYS bring back more cans than we take out.*

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*Sky Island Alliance Winter 2004 Restoring Connections centerfold*

Between 2001 and 2004 Sky Island Alliance staff and volunteers counted and identified beer cans and bottles found on wildlands in the Sky Island region of Arizona and New Mexico during the normal course of Sky Island Alliance road and wilderness boundary surveys. Beer cans and bottles were only counted if seen on or within 10 meters of either side of an assigned transect. During approximately 65 two-day volunteer field weekends or 1,300 person/days a total of 7,563 containers were documented, of which 7,426 were cans (98%) and 137 were bottles (2%). An analysis of brands shows that of the 7,563 total containers found 7,298 or

96.5% were Bud Light containers, and 151 were Natural Light containers (2%), 76 were Coors Light containers (1%), and 30 were Budweiser containers (<0.5%). One Fat Tire Amber Ale bottle was found in the Chiricahua Mountains, and seven Tecate cans were found in a migrant camp in the Huachuca Mountains. The predominance of Bud Light cans was surprising, and the only conclusion we could draw from the evidence is that yahoos have terrible taste in beer.