



A photograph of a rocky, desert trail. The path is composed of numerous light-colored rocks and boulders of various sizes, leading up a slight incline. Sparse desert vegetation, including small green shrubs and dry, brown grasses, is scattered along the path. In the background, a large, smooth, light-colored boulder sits prominently. The surrounding hillsides are rocky and covered with similar sparse vegetation. The sky is a pale, overcast blue.

0% observed usage





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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE
ORIGANAL TRAILS






Takeaway

- Unobserved regular “entrenched” users revealed when other users stripped away
- Trail mitigation effective as first treatment
 - Disguise trail from most users by renaturalizing
 - Local materials: free, nothing to bring in, all natural, no debris
 - No circumvention issue
 - Repeated treatments, failed treatments narrow/darken
- Signage if trail mitigation removed
 - More resilient to user sabotage
 - Provides official manager stance
 - Lasting educational message – align management interests with park visitor interests

Trail Segment 08: Lost Ranch Trail

Planning Zone: Neighborhood Interface/Solitude

Adoption

 Existing designated trail	0.9 miles
 Existing non-designated trail	1.4 miles
 New trail construction	0.0 miles
TOTAL TRAIL LENGTH	2.3 miles

Lost Ranch Trail combines segments of existing designated trail with a well-known non-designated trail to formally adopt a popular alignment into the designated trail system. The lost ranch or lost ranch mine trail is a well-known trail through mysterious areas within the Preserve where ruins that include a chimney and foundations can be easily seen and accessed from the non-designated trail that forks off of Gila Trail and climbs up and through the Gila Range over to National Trail.

Access for the trail will be from the 19th Avenue South Trailhead on what has been known as Pyramid Trail. The Preserve TMP removes the name Pyramid Trail from the designated trail system, which will become part of the Lost Ranch Trail and Gila Trail alignments.

Incorporation of the non-designated trail alignment into the trail system will require additional trail signage, sustainability improvements, and safety improvements as well as public education to help protect the historic features that make this trail experience unique.

- Adoption could be a better use of resources

- Can it be made sustainable
- Will it continually reopen
- Is it fulfilling a desired function

- Conversion to sustainability

- Tread condition
- Local resources
- Community input

Existing Named Trail Segments and Known Unofficial Names:

Lost Ranch Mine Trail (partial)

Access Points: 19th Avenue South Trailhead

Other Trail Connections: Bursera Trail, Gila Trail, Mine Drop Loop Trail, Maricopa Trail, National Trail, Pyramid Trail

