0% observed usage
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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
Adoption

- 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

Lost Ranch Trail combines segments of existing designated trail with a well-known non-designated trail to formally adopt a popular alignment into the Lost Ranch or Lost Range 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.