

## **Yellow Pine Rail Trail**

### **Cover Story Brainstorm**

*Phrases developed based on cover story visioning and discussion on May 1, 2007*

- The Yellow Pine Rail Trail is a trail for hikers, bicyclist and equestrians
- A trail for all seasons
- Take you back in history.... to the Old West
- Experience local history first hand
- Is a gateway to desert recreational opportunities that abound in Goodsprings area...(name valley or geographic range)
- A magnet for those interested in local mining history, regional and national impacts and the contributions of rail generally as part of local culture and successful business
- The trail will provide visitors with a glimpse of a mining town as it changed from a thriving boomtown to the small town it is today
- The trail will reflect the sensitivity of the Mohave Desert and its resources; it will be naturally surfaced and developed integrating sustainable technologies wherever possible.
- Interpretation and education about the historic, cultural, natural resources will be integrated into trail design, development, and use.
- The trail will be planned developed and managed through a partnership of local residents, businesses, and community groups working together with the county, and other regional, state and federal agencies with land and resource management responsibilities in and adjacent to the planning area.
- The trail will be developed with full consideration of potential impacts to natural, cultural and historic resources
- The trail will emphasize designs and developed with minimal impact to the desert environment.
- The trail will reflect the natural and historic environment of which it is a part. It will be naturally surfaced and designed with in a way that provides authentic opportunities for wildlife viewing and education about local history with first hand experiences. See things preserved in place where ever possible. Opportunities to see wildlife in their natural environment. Experience the Mohave Desert first hand.
- The trail will promote stewardship of the trail and the resources it highlights by visitors and local residents.
- The trail will provide diverse recreational experiences with an emphasis on historic and nature education inspiration wildlife experiences highlighting those unique to the area such as migratory birds, tarantulas, blazing wildflower blooms, stargazing, local history, mining heritage and cultures past and present.

### **Cover Story Brainstorm, continued**

- The trail will reflect on the past in the present, contrasting the old with the new
- The trail will be safe and accessible to a broad range of visitors.
- The trail will provide a level of service consistent with resource stewardship and education goals and sustainability goals.
- The trail will be a gateway to regional recreation opportunities.
- The trail will be developed in partnership with local residents and businesses.
- The trail will boost the local economy attracting visitors to enjoy local restaurants, and other businesses with related services (bike shops, grocery store, recreation goods). Businesses will promote the trail.
- The trail will incorporate a visitor center possibly a train depot that will provide visitor orientation, information, and education and interpretation opportunities about the yellow Pone Rail trail and other nearby recreational opportunities
- The trail will be a model linking recreation to conservation stewardship.
- The trail will promote desert tortoise conservation.
- The trail will incorporate new education and information technologies to engage diverse audiences.
- The trail will incorporate a walking tour of Goodsprings.
- The trail will provide a physical and mental connection to the Old Spanish Trail. The trail will be non-motorized.
- The trail will be safe and every visitor will be knowledgeable about appropriate trail etiquette.
- The trail will allow first hand viewing of historic strictures.
- The trail will be promoted through ecotourism outlets.
- The trail will increase knowledge about desert and historic values and instill stewardship.
- Multi-use will be accommodated safely and in a way that minimizes potential user conflicts.
- Camping opportunities will be planned.
- Appropriate staging facilities will be provided for equestrians. Major trailheads will be established in Jean and Goodsprings.
- Trail activities will reflect past history with period activities and events that mimic the culture and practices of Goodsprings in its heyday; Activities will be deigned to build visitation and support over time through an annual focus such as festivals and annual trail events.