



Prescott National Forest

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UPPER PASTURE TRAIL #38

GENERAL INFORMATION: Like many of the trails in this area, Upper Pasture Trail #38 was originally a road built in the late 1800s to provide horseback access to springs and other cattle waters. Evidence of this history is marked by an old horse trough beside the trail, slowly turning to rust with the rhythm of the elements. TR 38 stays in pinyon-juniper woodland and mixed chaparral. Watch for scrub jays and towhees moving from branch to branch. Wildflowers of every color, including creamy yarrow and bright red penstemon, grow along the path. Large granite boulders balanced at precarious angles throw shadows across the landscape. The best shade along this route, however, is found under the boughs of a few large alligator junipers that provide enticing spots to take a break and enjoy the view of Little Granite Mountain.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bicyclists. Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: TR 38 can be accessed via Little Granite Mountain Trail #37. From its intersection with Williamson Valley Road travel northwest on Iron Springs Road 1.5 miles to Granite Basin Road. Continue another 3 miles on Iron Springs Road to the trailhead on the right. Parking is good, with room for 5-7 vehicles. Travel approximately 2.8 miles on TR 37 to TR 38.

TRAVEL TIME: 15 minutes from Prescott

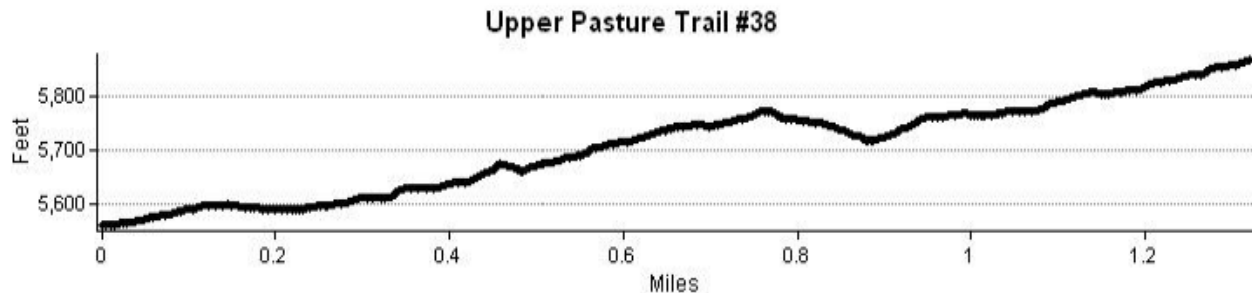
ROAD CONDITIONS: Paved

HIKING TIME: 30 minutes, one-way **LENGTH:** 1.2 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Light

NOTES: Expect hot, dry conditions during the summer months. There is no reliable drinking water at the trailhead or on the trail. As of August 2010, the trail is severely eroded along much of its length and is not suitable for mountain biking. Trail access is subject to change with the future implementation of the Williamson Valley-Alto Pit Environmental Assessment.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall, winter

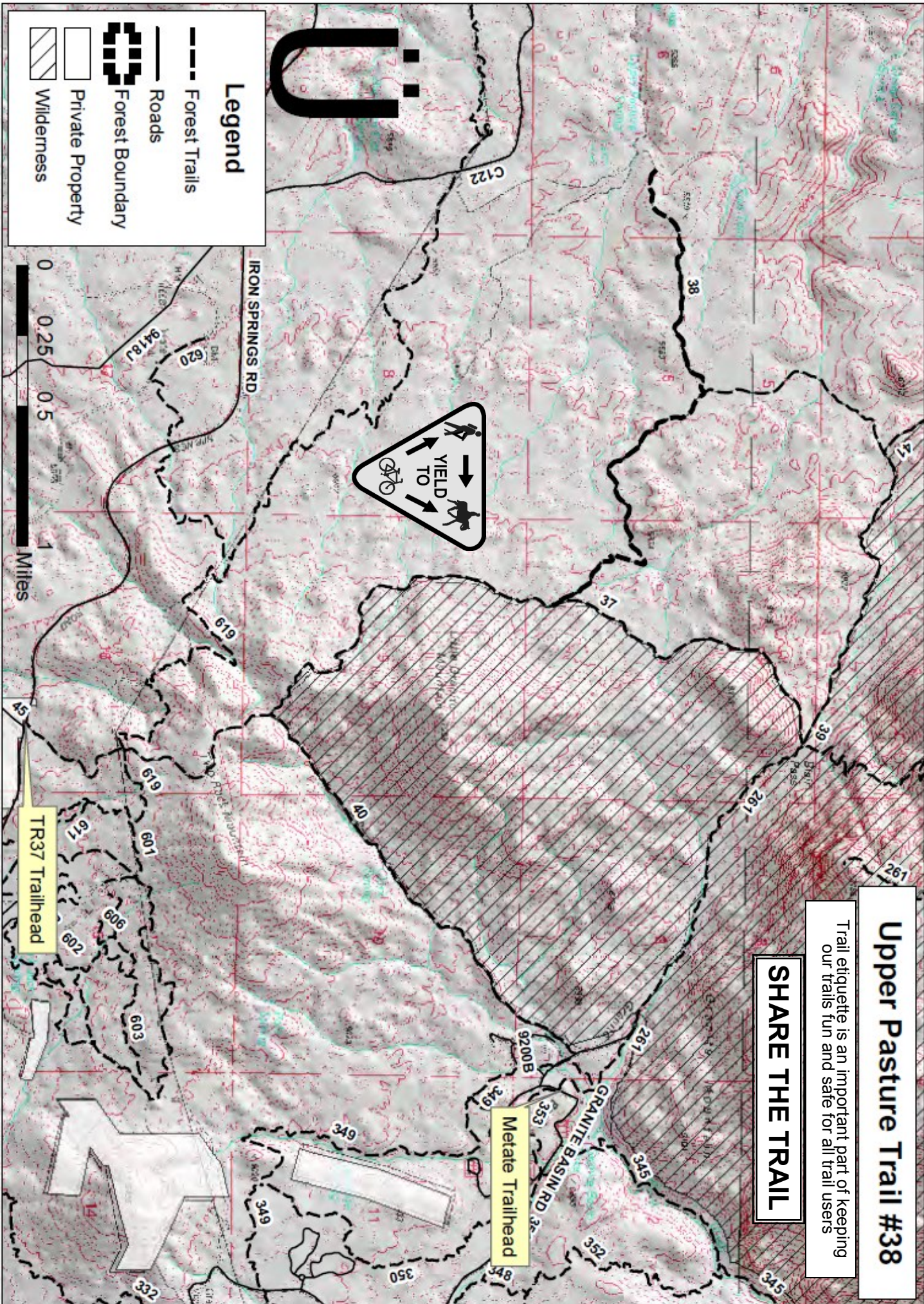
MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Iron Springs, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Bradshaw Mountains, City of Prescott Trails and Outdoor Recreation Map



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