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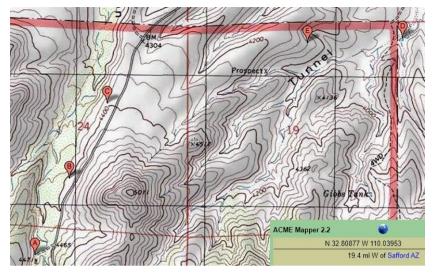
Tripp Bajada Canal Preliminary Field Notes

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The Tripp Canal is the westernmost known of the Mt Graham bajada canals and gives strong credence to the canals nearly completely surrounding Mt Graham. The entire canal lies on Coronado National Forest property and would seem to be eminently suitable for their further study.

Only a mile long portion of the canal has been mapped and explored between N 32.80615 W 110.04987 and 32.81134 W 110.04676. This is just west of the Tripp Canyon road one third of the way up the West Peak and is Acme Mapper obvious...





The rest of the canal remains unexplored. While an Ockham's Razor candidate would have its three mile length starting at a 4500 foot elevation near the windmill at N 32.80084 W 110.05271and possibly ending at the twin ponds in Tunnel Canyon that is found at N 32.81584 W 110.02237. A hint at N 32.81551 W 110.03023 may be an access trail for topo Prospect X.

This routing would include a watershed crossing. But one lacking the pinch points and spectacular engineering of those in Mud Springs and possibly Upper Frye. The explored portion seems clearly prehistoric and lacks any historical rework. It is small being typically only a foot across. The workmanship seems much lower than the more eastern canals. Possibly because of the extremely rocky terrain or weaker engineering skills well out of the main canal areas.





Here is the more obvious portion of the Tripp canal in Google Earth...



And here are some current interest points of the Tripp Canal

Ν	32.80084	w	110.05271 -
Ν	32.80615	W	110.04987 -
Ν	32.81134	W	110.04676 -
Ν	32.81551	w	110.03023 -
N	32.81584	w	110.02237 -

Proposed windmill start of canal. Start of well defined canal portion. Ending of well defined canal portion. Location of very dim mid canal hint. Twin ponds possible destination.

Some suggested future Tripp Canyon work includes....

- Verify windmill canal water source.
- Determine credible canal destination.
- Involve Coronado Forest participation.
- Evaluate canal age and purpose.
- Create a flyable drone lidar KML product.
- Rethink entire area water resources.
- Document exact canal route.
- Publish professionally.
- Update and improve the other field notes.