



Knapp Land and Lost Dog Conservation Easements



Knapp Land
353 ac.



Lost Dog
1,006 ac

Goals

- To safeguard the natural and cultural features of Lost Dog and Knapp Land
- Improve wildlife habitat and habitat connectivity
- Protect the health of our regional watershed
- Provide well maintained and safe trails for biking, walking, and running
- Contribute to the economy
- Educate the community about the value of our desert

Knapp Land





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Lost Dog

To accomplish the above goals the development of a pilot program is needed to manage the dedicated open space for Lost Dog and Knapp Land.

Steps:

- 1. Completed.** Volunteers went door to door leaving a letter informing about the City of El Paso open natural space, the conservation easement as well as noting to call 911 for an emergency and to call 311 if they observe illegal trail building, off-roading, illegal dumping, etc.
- 2. Creating a sub-committee** for Knapp Land and a sub-committee for Lost Dog to provide input and collaborate with the Open Space Lands Manager
- 3. Hire an Open Space Lands Manager** for up to 12 months. Interviews will be held the week of October 18, with the intention of a start date November 2021.

The Open Space Lands Manager will be **hired by and managed** by The Frontera Land Alliance.

The pivot position is funded through donations by:

- The Frontera Land Alliance
- Border Mountain Bike Association
- Franklin Mountain Wilderness Coalition



What is next?

1. **Open Space Lands Manger:** Hiring of the Open Space Lands Manger and meeting with the sub-committee.

2. **Working with volunteer groups:** Volunteers are a great resource for trail work, habitat management to education outreach. For example, the Border Mountain Bike Association repaired trails at Lost Dog from recent rains. They contacted Frontera to notify of work, shared where the trail work was to be done and followed-up up with a report and photos. This is now documented for the conservation easement.

3. **Educate:** Be present at trail heads to educate the users about trail edict and their natural surroundings. Such as pick up after you dog, stay on the trail, to sharing and showing about visitors about the flora and fauna of the aera.

4. **Annual Monitoring:** Frontera will continue to visit and monitor the land

