ACTOR-NETWORK THEORY APPLIED TO THE ARIZONA TRAIL

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ABSTRACT

Trail spaces have been depicted many ways but no other approach offers the thorough and inclusive qualities of actor-network theory. In this analysis of the Arizona Trail, actor-network theory evinces the relationships that create, sustain, and reify the Trail. The physical space called the Arizona Trail is more than a state-long footpath due to the variety of actors and relationships involved. It is a living network that pulses with actors’ relationships instead of being driven by a singular hero. The network changes and grows as actors convince others to enroll via the process of interpellation.