



**Fw: Rubicon Trail Closures**  
**The BOSTWO** to: Cynthia C Johnson  
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**RE: Rubicon Trail Closures**

Ray Nutting to: bostwo

01/20/2010 10:22 PM

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I cannot email him direct. I have no email. That means I go through you. Which mean more work.

**From:** Kitty.Miller@edcgov.us [mailto:Kitty.Miller@edcgov.us] **On Behalf Of** bostwo@edcgov.us  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010 4:55 PM  
**To:** Ray Nutting  
**Subject:** Fw: Rubicon Trail Closures

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**Rubicon Trail Closures**

Jim DePiazzy

to: bostwo

01/19/2010 04:46 PM

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Ray Nutting ~ District 2  
Supervisor

**RE: Public Meeting with the Board of Supervisors in El Dorado County on January 26th 2010 at 2PM in the BOS Chambers**

I believe this meeting is to finalize County Closure recommendations for parts of the Rubicon Trail

I hope we can count on your support to oppose closure of any part of the Rubicon Trail.

There are many Clubs, groups and individuals who put relentless Volunteer hours into maintaining the Rubicon Trail. Anybody who has spent any time on this trail can't help but want to preserve it so others can enjoy it as well. How can you enjoy what you can't use? We must draw that line in the sand and say No More Closures!

Of particular concern is the County staff recommendation to Not Recommend a variance for USFS historical trail designated 14N34B as noted below in red. County staff has even noted the trail is

**mostly on USFS Property. USFS 14N34B is only several hundred feet from the Rubicon Trail!!!**

**As USFS 14N34B is a relatively easy trail access to the Ellis Creek location of the Rubicon Trail it is often used by vehicles that have suffered damage and need repair. Traversing further on the main trail could lead to additional damage to the vehicle and possible injury to its occupants. Towing a vehicle over the Rubicon trail can be unsafe. This trail allows for a faster and safer exit.**

**In addition this trail has been used many times to bring out people who have suffered a personal injury and could be further injured by the much rougher ride on the main route.**

**VARIANTS NOT RECOMMENDED:**

**Map Location (C) "14N34B"- A USFS historic trail designated 14N34B, also known as the McKinstry Trail, intersects with the recommended Rubicon Trail alignment just west of Ellis Creek. This trail is on USFS property, and it drains into the recommended Rubicon Trail and into nearby Ellis Creek. This trail is mostly on the USFS property, and is outside the current preferred Rubicon Trail alignment. The Department does not recommend that it become part of the Rubicon Trail. Standard trail BMPs can be used at the intersection to control run-off and sediment, and to discourage future access to/from the Rubicon Trail at this location in order to comply with CAO requirements. All other trail work on 14N34B necessary to comply with the CAO should be completed by the USFS.**

**Thank you for your time and support,**

**Sincerely,**

**Jim DePiazzy  
4268 Winthrop Rd  
Placerville, CA 95667**

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jitami to: bostwo

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Please respond to "jitami"

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Mr. Ray Nutting,

I am taking time to write to you about the importance of the Rubicon Trail and it's management.

I urge you to consider **Option 3** as the most viable and fair management plan. The few bypasses do no harm and the historic McKinstry trail (Map location (C) the USFS portion (14N34B) ) is of special importance to me. There was a time when my husband tripped and sprained his ankle on the Rubicon trail and it was up to me to drive our jeep, with my husband and two young boys, off the trail. The McKinstry trail is of little interest to those hard core users that so many are concerned with, but it is a very valuable trail to those of us with less driving experience who need or choose to use it. This historic trail enabled me to drive out by myself with very little difficulty and I honestly enjoyed it. I've since taken my sons back there on my own for days of hiking, swimming, and simply enjoying nature. Please encourage all involved to choose Option 3 which includes the historic McKinstry Trail.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to serving all of the users of the gorgeous El Dorado National Forest.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Welch  
[jitami@earthlink.net](mailto:jitami@earthlink.net)



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**Rubicon Trail**

**George Drake** to: bosfive, bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour

01/25/2010 11:23 AM

Sent by: [gwdrake2006@gmail.com](mailto:gwdrake2006@gmail.com)

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I can't believe rock crawlers are even allowed on the Rubicon Trail--or n the national forests.  
Sounds to me like the only option you have other than giving up to these a-word holes all together is option 1.

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**Rubicon Trail**

Elizabeth Leonard to: bostwo

01/25/2010 12:19 PM

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Dear Mr. Nutting.

I live in Shingle Springs and also have a mountain cabin in El Dorado Co. I hike Desolation Wilderness a lot and have viewed some of the Rubicon Trail.

In the upcoming BOD meeting to discuss management options for the Rubicon Trail I urge you to vote for **option # one**, a single trail from Wentworth Springs to Lake Tahoe.

The destruction the new type of off road vehicles causes far too much damage to an already fragile ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Leonard



**Fw: Rubicon Trail restrictions**  
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**Rubicon Trail restrictions**

**ELLISON ELLISON** to: bostwo

01/25/2010 12:29 PM

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Hon. Ray Nutting:

A long time resident of El Dorado Hills, I have for years hiked, camped, snow shoed and boated in the area which includes part of the Rubicon Trail. I have hiked part of the trail and filtered drinking water from one of the streams. Though not myself a vehicular user of the trail, I think its continued use by recreation off road drivers should be limited to reasonable limits on the course of the trail and the nature of its use.

You are certainly aware of the abuses which led to closure of the trail. Closure disappointed many and must hurt tourist dollars.

Please support Option 1 of the several proposed for regulation of the trail. It is the best option for most of those hikers and snow shoers, and least expensive for the county.

Your support of Option 1 and opposition to the other options will be appreciated.

Thanks,

Ellison Rumsey



**Fw: Rubicon Trail Routing: Choose the Modified option 3 to be laid out by FOTR and RTF**

**The BOSTWO** to: Cynthia C Johnson

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**Rubicon Trail Routing: Choose the Modified option 3 to be laid out by FOTR and RTF**

**Steve Hersh** to: bosone, bostwo, bosfour, bosfive, suzanne.allendesanch,  
bosthree

01/25/2010 03:29 PM

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Dear Supervisors, Please Choose the Modified option 3 to be laid out by FOTR and RTF in their presentation for Route designation for the Rubicon Trail

It's not costing the county taxpayers a dime - all funds come from grants via OHMVR and the Volunteer Hours are a HUGE part of OHMVR granting those funds. The County is not allowed to spend General Fund Dollars on the Trail.

If you make the users unhappy by choosing a single trail option, you will lose volunteers, their hours, and maybe even the funding that goes along with that. So in reality, the cheapest option is to keep the user/volunteers happy!!!

The CAO only asks for the trail to be defined, to develop a long term plan, to do a saturated soil report, and to fix what needs to be fixed. Most of the bypasses according to CGS are not a source of sediment, and I said most, not all. But the point is, that there is more work to be done on the trail itself that there is work to be done on the bypasses. The users have proven they are willing and able to perform the work in cooperation with the County and the USFS.

Respectfully yours, and an El Dorado County registered \*/voter/\* ...

Steve Hersh

5441 Rolling Rock Rd.

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**Fw: Rubicon Trail Plan: Support Option 1**  
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**Rubicon Trail Plan: Support Option 1**

**Nicholas George Mongoose** to: Recipient list suppressed; ;

01/25/2010 04:15 PM

January 25, 2010

SUBJECT: Support Option 1 single trail Wentworth Springs to Lake Tahoe.  
RE: Rubicon Trail Plan, considered by Eldorado County Supervisors

Dear Supervisor,

As a foothill resident, recreational trail user (bicycle, backpacker, skier), and 4WD truck owner, I am very concerned about this proposal for the following reasons:

I am a group leader for multiple organizations that gather recreational hikers and backpackers and skiers in the area bisected by this trail. To see the land destroyed by motorized yahoos is offensive to me. But it also detracts from the revenue that El Dorado County would otherwise derive from the participants in the trips that I lead because I will no longer lead groups there if Option 1 is not chosen. Destruction during wet season ruins the skiing and snowshoeing!

On Tuesday, January 26, please choose as the management strategy Option 1, which will allow vehicles to continue using the historic route across public and private lands in the high country of Eldorado National Forest, but stops the destruction that led to last year's Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) from the Regional Water Board. This is the least expensive option.

I have personally seen the damage caused by "Rock Crawlers" (non-street legal 4WD vehicles), and have witnessed this destruction in action. They deliberately destroy the trail, in order to make it more challenging for their rigs. These activities result in significant damage to the public lands and streams through which the trail passes. The Water Board's CAO was a result of that damage. Destruction is Not Recreation!

A Single Route is the only viable, affordable and environmentally-sound option for the Rubicon Trail. Allow historic use of this iconic trail to continue, including street-legal off-road vehicles and Jeep Jamborees. End "rock crawling" and damaging winter use on wet soils.



Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Nicholas George



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**rubicon trail**

**Ron Bandy** to: bostwo

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Dear Supervisor,

I understand that on Tuesday, January 26, the El Dorado County Supervisors will choose a management strategy for the trail. I am an avid off-road recreationist that very much enjoys using the this trail. I strongly believe that option 1 will best serve the trail. Please choose option 1 tomorrow.

Thank you,

Ron Bandy

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**Rubicon Trail/Board Meeting**

**Mike Bellew to:**

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I'm very concerned about the future of the Rubicon Trail.

My family (wife, daughter, son, and our dog) and I like to hike, camp, fish, and drive in that area (and on the Rubicon Trail) anywhere from 5-15 times a year.

Realizing how important the trail is (both historically and for future generations) I often volunteer my time & energy working to help maintain the trail each year.

I would like to remind you that it's volunteers like myself that helps the County to save money because all funds come from grants via OHMVR program.

Of the three alternatives presented to the Board of Supervisors by the Department of Transportation, I also support a modified version of Option 3 (proposed by Friends of the Rubicon) that includes all of the Recommended Variants and a maintenance corridor at Little Sluice and Buck Island. This should preserve all existing variant routes within the corridors currently on the Not Recommended list.

Please take all of this into consideration when you make your decision during your meeting tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Mike Bellew

[mochamike@astound.net](mailto:mochamike@astound.net)



**Fw: Alternative 3**  
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**Alternative 3**

**Stacie Albright** to: bostwo

01/25/2010 05:54 PM

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Mr. Nutting,

I would like to see support for the modified alternative 3

Thank you.  
Stacie Albright



**Fw: Rubicon Trail Decision**  
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**Rubicon Trail Decision**

LCress7199 to: bosone, bostwo, bosfour, bosfive

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This email is to express my views on the upcoming decision about the Rubicon Trail. I have hiked desolation wilderness since childhood and have seen the changes as a result of the "rock crawling" that has been allowed to use the trail.

Please do not vote in favor of Option 2 and 3 which would allow the activities that resulted in the destruction of the Rubicon Trail.

**Option 1, a single route, is the most environmentally friendly option to bring the back the trail. Stop the rock crawling and damage caused by winter use on wet soils.**

**Thank you, Lorie Cress**

**Resident of Lake Tahoe and Sacramento.**



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**Rubicon trail**

**John Le Pouvoir** to: bostwo

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Cc: Jan Le Pouvoir, Robert Johnson

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Please approve OPTION 1 for the continued use of the Rubicon trail by vehicles along the historic corridor. Please do NOT allow Options 2 or 3 to be approved as these options will certainly result in further environmental degradation to this sensitive and important watershed.

John Le Pouvoir  
Pollock Pines



**Fw: Rubicon Trail Alert!**  
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**Rubicon Trail Alert!**

Janice I. Levet to: bostwo

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**Supervisor Nutting: Please vote for Option 1 in regards to the Rubicon Trail.  
Destruction is NOT recreation. Allow the historical use of the Trail to continue, but not  
at the expense of clean, environmental quality.**

**I thank you for all you do for us and the environment.**

**Jan Le Pouvoir, Pollock Pines**



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**Rubcion Trail BOS Meeting 1/26/10**

**Tim Green** to: bostwo

01/25/2010 10:05 PM

Dear Mr. Nutting,

Firstly let me thank you, the Board of Supervisors, Forest Service, County of Eldorado and the Department of Transportation for understanding the very serious and potentially historical decisions you now are faced with making. These decisions as you are aware should not be made without complete understanding of the Rubicon Trail, all the variants included and the economic impacts. I personally feel, having attended many of the DOT meetings leading up to this decision making process that this procedure while having a limited time line has been somewhat rushed through in an effort to arrive at the Water Boards requirements.

Myself, my family and many friends have spent the past fifteen plus years on the Rubicon and many other trails throughout the country. I have spent many hours with volunteer groups working for the betterment of these and many other areas throughout the National Forest system as have many other users of our public lands. This area will continue to receive thousands of volunteer hours just as many other Public Lands receive the same care but we must manage these areas in the best way possible. I find it hard to imagine that people who have merely seen pictures of the area and haven't been fortunate enough to visit the Rubicon Trail and its complete beauty in person are directly impacting its future management and actual destiny. We need to make informed, educated and realistic decisions.

The variants of the Rubicon trail are as necessary now as they were in the 60's, 70's and 80's as documented by many users. These variants allow safe travel while also allowing continued trail use while volunteer maintenance work is carried out. It is as unfeasible now as it was back in the 70's to have "One Trail". What needs to be considered is a "Trail Corridor" system such as the system created for the Dusy Ershim trail. Maintaining an area with in the corridor will have definable parameters and achievable goals. As has been displayed by the Forest Service, DOT and the County, defining an exact "One Trail" will be next to impossible much less manageable and implementable.

It would seem to me, you as the decision making group have many, many user groups and volunteers that are ready and willing to work and give there all to help in the achievement of the Water Boards CAO requirements if you choose to accept the help. Ultimately option 1 is: Unattainable, unmanageable, unenforceable and impossible to implement.

Please take my thoughts and opinions in to consideration while making your decision.

Sincerely,  
Tim Green.





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**Fw: Rubicon Trail - Destruction is not recreation**  
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**Rubicon Trail - Destruction is not recreation**

w\_b to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

01/24/2010 09:53 PM

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**Dear Ms. Santiago, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Nutting, and Mr. Knight,**

**We have enjoyed taking our family on mountain bike rides in the summer, and cross-country ski trips in the winter. We rode our bikes up the canyon to the head of the Rubicon trail in the summer, only to find a scene straight out of a Mad Max movie. The extreme, purpose-built, monster trucks were gathered for another round of destruction of nature. It was appalling.**

**Please adopt Option 1, in order to maintain the historic Rubicon trail and use, while repairing the damaged portions so traditional use can resume.**

**Destruction is not recreation.**

**Thank you,  
Dr. William B. Baringer**