

From: Vickie Sanders
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 7:42 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Cc: mikenpeety@comcast.net
Subject: FW: Rubicon Trail closure(s)

Forwarding this message as requested.

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From: Peety Woll <mikenpeety@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 6:18 PM
To: Vickie Sanders <vickie.sanders@edcgov.us>
Subject: Rubicon Trail closure(s)

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Hi Vickie! I miss seeing you while I was North District VP! I've moved to Oregon but still spend lots of time at the Rubicon, Airport Flat, Gerle Creek areas! I was sent the message below which I am sure you are aware of. I want to voice my opinion on this. I'm not sure exactly what prompted this resolution? Was it just a couple of idiots who went on the trail without preparation of the trail and it's challenges or just a couple of liberals that didn't have a clue?!?! I find this resolution a slap in the face to ALL legitimate off-readers! And, as per the message below, request this be postponed or allowed to have public input. Can you please forward this message to the Clerk of the Board before tomorrow's meeting?

Thanks so much Vickie! Happy New Year! 😊
Sent from my iPhone

From: mail jeepersjamboree.com <mail@jeepersjamboree.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 4:58 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Re: El Dorado County - Support of Emergency Closure of Rubicon Trail

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Dear El Dorado County,

My name is Bob Sweeney, Owner & President of Jeepers Jamboree & Jeep Jamboree, Inc. We have been providing guided trips along the Rubicon Trail since 1953. Jamboree trips have been annually held during July and August of over the past 70 years. The Rubicon Trail and our Jamboree events are recognized internationally, and we have the honor of accommodating people from all over the world.

Jeepers Jamboree fully supports El Dorado County in their decision for the adoption of the emergency closure of the Rubicon Trail on December 30, 2022. Recently, Northern California has seen extreme weather conditions and are forecasted to continue to experience abnormally high storm events. Sever weather presents hazards and risks that must be considered. We believe it is El Dorado County responsibility to implement emergency management to reduce risk to public safety. Also, it is the duty of the County to foresee unanticipated response activities or operational constraints on behalf of emergency personal by understanding the limits in which they can successfully provide services in times of extreme weather events. With the recent weather events, this County has already experienced several search and rescue needs, spreading our limited emergency resources thin, in a very large area. Closure of the trail allows the County to narrow their focus on the several rural towns spread throughout the area during times of heightened need.

Additionally, the Jamboree boards feels the County was acting as environmental stewards for the trail by implementing the closure. Minimizing environmental damage is of up most importance to ensure the lifeline and continued usage of the Rubicon Trail. We feel the off-road community and other constituents of the Rubicon Trail should also be in full support of this emergency closure.

Respectfully,

Bob Sweeney, President

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From: Board President <rubiconspringsinfo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:57 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Cc: Steve Rubick; JOSH HALL; Rick Morris; Pearse Umlauf; Frank Maguire; John Blomdal; Mark and Maria Barnes
Subject: Support for the proposed temporary closure of the Rubicon Trail
Attachments: El Dorado County Letter of Support.docx

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Dear El Dorado County DOT,

As president of Rubicon Soda Springs, I have attached a letter of support for the temporary closure of the Rubicon Trail from our shareholders of 400 acres along the Rubicon Trail.

Warm regards,

Christian Prince

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<https://rubiconsprings.com/>

Dear El Dorado County,

My name is Christian Prince and I am the president of Rubicon Soda Springs, INC, a family-owned group that owns 400 acres of land along the Rubicon Trail. Our ownership group supports responsible use of the Rubicon Trail throughout the year and has worked in partnership with El Dorado County for many years to maintain the trail on our property and help keep the Rubicon Trail open to public use.

It has come to our attention that El Dorado County has recently closed the trail to all users. Normally this would have a significant impact on use of the trail, as we have seen in recent years do to the wildfires that have ravaged El Dorado County the last three summers. Closure under these conditions was an important public safety action and was supported by our corporation.

This winter closure, although unusual, seems to support the safety of the public. Recently a group found themselves stranded at Wentworth Springs and required assistance to get themselves and their vehicles off of the Rubicon Trail. This task was accomplished and no person was injured, but this scenario could be repeated in much harsher conditions if El Dorado County does not hold fast on the temporary closure until conditions exist for safe use of the trail for the environment and the users. Most users of this trail are responsible and act wisely. The actions of a few can cause significant impact to the trail and possibly to people held to assist them. This winter has already unloaded some significant, if not record-breaking storms, with possibly more on the way. Rubicon Soda Springs, INC supports the temporary closure of the Rubicon Trail as long as the previous guidelines outlined by County resolution back in 2013 for a temporary winter closure are adhered to.

Sincerely,

Christian Prince

President Rubicon Soda Springs, INC