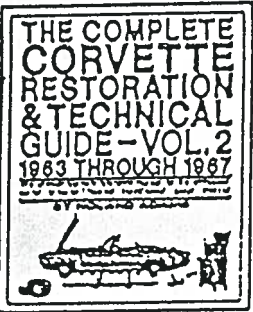


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## Don't touch those rails

Apparently a faction of trail proponents is still trying to rip up the railroad tracks. An El Dorado County Board of Supervisors meeting 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, is when the rail rippers will make another pass at selling the rails for scrap on the theory that it will pay for extending the paved path all the way to the county line.

The group will be protesting a plan to use three miles of track in the El Dorado area for an operating railroad museum. Volunteers have been working for a couple of decades to rebuild a locomotive and other rolling [stock](#) and are ready to move it out of the museum's "shop" and set up something that will attract people to El Dorado.

The fact is the right of way is wide enough to both keep the rails and build a trail alongside it. The right of way varies from 60-120 feet wide. This is the oldest railroad west of the Mississippi.

Before the trail gets extended any farther the county needs to have its Animal Services officers walk the trail at least once a week on randomly chosen days and issue tickets for people walking their dogs without a leash. Taking care of what's already in place needs to happen first.

The trail has been extended in reasonably fast time. Wait for special funding to extend it farther. Don't sell our future by ripping up the rails.

The master plan for the 28-mile railroad right of way — [financed](#) by Placerville and El Dorado County to the tune of \$500,000 in the 19th century — was completed after public hearing in 2003. That plan says keep the rails and build out the trail. The oldest railroad in the West may have more life left to it in the future. We cast our lot with the future and urge the supervisors to do likewise. Don't be shortsighted and sell our rails.



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