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**Re: Unanimous Decision at Rubicon Trail Hearing**

Dear Supervisors' Sweeney, Nutting, Santiago, Briggs, and Knight:

Trout Unlimited and the undersigned parties would like to extend our warmest of thanks for your leadership, vision and support of a new and better Rubicon Trail. Your decision on January 26<sup>th</sup> is both applauded by the fishing and hunting communities for its considerations for fish and wildlife, as well as those interested in a more sustained recreation experience for the world famous Rubicon Trail. It is clear that your board sees the wisdom in the importance, need and timeliness of this decision.

Trout Unlimited has been involved in the Rubicon since the opening of our Tahoe Office in 2007, and we understand the tumultuous social and political atmosphere that surrounds the Rubicon Trail. It is widely considered a world class OHV trail, and users value the trail, want it to stay open, and have a considerable amount of time invested in maintaining its condition. Correcting use on the Rubicon is going to take implementation of an appropriate management plan, careful trail re-design and construction, and significant restoration from heavy machinery. We are extremely pleased to see that the El Dorado Board of Supervisors embraces this vision and is taking the steps towards realizing these shared goals.

Therefore, Trout Unlimited and the undersigned parties applaud your unanimous decision to ratify a modified Option 2 for trail design and feel that this decision is a new and positive direction for all users and environs. We commend you and your staff for your wisdom, strength and professionalism throughout this difficult process and thank you and your staff for all the outreach to public and private interests to ensure the correct outcome was reached.

Thank you again. If we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you and the people of El Dorado County on maintaining, improving and protecting the incredible natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities that make the area such an incredible place to both visit and call home.

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