

March 4, 2015

Vickie Sanders
Parks Manager
County of El Dorado
Chief Administrative Office

Dear Vickie,

Please review the below timeline of events for the setup, maintenance, breakdown and more that take place over the duration of our request for restricted times on the Rubicon Trail.

Wednesday July 22nd –

- Between 6am – 10pm, both sides of the trail are utilized by crew members pulling in trailers filled with provisions including:
 - o Mechanical Supplies and Parts
 - o Kitchen Supplies and Food
 - o Miscellaneous Camp supplies
 - o Merchandise
- Between 6am – 10pm, crews may make multiple runs back and forth along either side of the trail (depending on how much is being brought in).
- Between 6am – 10pm, Jamboree's Buck Island crew setting up a mechanics and cook area. (Jamboree has a permit from the Forest Service to use Buck Island)
- Between 6am – 10pm, several media groups will be performing coverage/footage of the trail and surrounding scenery.

Thursday July 23rd -

- Starting at 6am the four day group of 250 vehicles will traverse the Rubicon Trail from the Loon Lake trail head.
 - o Due to the different types of vehicles and driver ability, there is no average time for participants to reach Rubicon Springs; often we have participants getting into camp at 11pm.
- Jamboree also has crew members and entertainment (musicians and their supplies) entering from the Tahoe side of the trail.

Friday July 24th & Friday July 31st (Jeep Jamboree)

- Starting at 6am the three day group of 250 vehicles will traverse the Rubicon Trail from the Loon Lake trail head.
- Throughout the day the last of our crew members and sponsors come in from the Tahoe side of the trail.
- Jamboree rockrollers start their trail sweep after 7pm and continue until they get into camp.
- Our 3 day group is consistently slower getting in; typical timing of everyone getting into camp is 10pm.

Saturday July 25th –

- 10am – 4pm Jamboree has a sponsored trail run.
 - o Starting from Rubicon Springs up Big Sluice to the Indian Trail then down and around Old Big Sluice to Buck Island for a meal and back down into camp. Usual return time is 4pm however, again based off vehicle and driver issues this may run well into the night.

Sunday July 26th & Sunday August 2nd (Jeep Jamboree)

- Between 6am – 10pm, both sides of the trail are utilized by participants, vendors, and media. We also have crew members going out Tahoe side pulling out trailers filled with provisions including:
 - o Mechanical Supplies and Parts
 - o Kitchen Supplies and Food
 - o Miscellaneous Camp supplies
 - o Merchandise

Jamboree Concerns

Previously the County had closed the Rubicon Trail for Jamboree's use during our four and three day trips. This was established for the safety of our participants as well as the safety of the public. With County changes the closure permit was no longer applicable; however, the use of a parade permit for the same daily timeframe as the closure permit was granted by the County for the more recent years and Jamboree trips. This alternate permit was agreed upon by both the County and Jamboree as the best option to maintain the precedent set that Jamboree has exclusive one way trips on the Rubicon Trail for 63 years during this timeframe. A large portion of Jeepers Jamboree participants only come to El Dorado County and run the Rubicon Trail with Jamboree because they know potentially irresponsible public drivers (some of whom may have never driven the trail before) are not allowed in during this timeframe specifically because of the exclusivity of Jeepers Jamboree. The Rubicon Trail has grown in popularity and we know the County as well as Jamboree does appreciate their enthusiasm and are excited more members of the off road public are becoming aware of this trail; however, Jamboree would like to note if the County chooses not to uphold the restricted times put forth in the parade permit and the historical agreement and allows the public to traverse the Rubicon Trail during the Jamboree trips:

- A public user break down on the trail –
 - o What happens if the public user cannot safely get themselves or their vehicle off the trail during Jamboree time?
 - o Is Jamboree to assist? Is this something the County would advise Jamboree to do? There could be legal ramifications should a Jamboree employee or volunteer help a non-participant (public user) and something breaks. Jamboree would need to establish set rules and regulations with the County and our legal team to ensure Jamboree is not held responsible for public user assistance.
 - o What happens if Jamboree participants are now stuck on the trail behind a public user who is broken down in the middle of the trail? These participants paid to have trail access, assistance, food and camping privileges, all are now being withheld due to a public user blocking the trail.
- A public user invades the Jamboree camp/Rubicon Springs
 - o We monitor participants a multitude of ways, however who is to say a public user will not attempt to join in the festivities including, food, alcohol, camping areas, entertainment venue. Will the county supply extra police force to deal with potential intruders?
- Public users do not maintain trail and/or forestry regulations
 - o Jamboree participants are educated on the various environmental issues one must be prepared for on the trip; including waste management, food storage, and a multitude of other important factors that help keep the trail clean of debris and the surrounding area clean as well.
 - o What happens if public users are not careful – is there a potential for Jeepers to be fined for excess trash that could be from public users? What happens to the trash and waste from public users? Is the County regulating public users, as they do Jamboree?
 - o What happens if public users have an unpermitted fire? How would Jamboree be affected? Could Jamboree be fined for a public user's unpermitted fire?

- o Jamboree requires volunteers to have at least 10 years of off-roading experience; Jamboree average is actually more as some volunteers have come in every year for nearly 60 years.
- o The Jamboree educates the volunteers of the Rubicon Trail and handles the 'adopt the trail' standards.
- o Jamboree annually reviews everything the volunteers do as well as reinforce the rules and regulations set forth to keep the Rubicon Trail clean and safe.

We appreciate your time in reviewing our comments and concerns regarding the continuation of exclusive Jamboree rights to the Rubicon Trail during our annual four and three day trips. Should you or your office have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to myself or the Jamboree office at any time.

Sincerely,

Bob Sweeney, President

CC: Vickie Sanders