



**Fw: Rubicon Trail Option #1**  
**The BOSTWO** to: Cynthia C Johnson  
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Cindy,  
For 1/26/10 Board meeting.  
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**Rubicon Trail Option #1**

**Paul Jorjorian and Hannah Mitchell** to: bostwo

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As a white water boater and hiker, I want to urge you to limit the deterioration of the Rubicon trail by adapting option #1

Paul Jorjorian  
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**The Rubicon Trail**

donnairenerea to: bostwo

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Hello,

I'm writing to urge you to adopt Option 1 and help reclaim and protect the resources the trail passes through.

As a retired State Park Ranger, in the course of my career I saw the damage extremist off roaders have caused throughout California. They give a bad name to the sports involved and have done enormous damage to natural resources that belong to all of us. They are truly a minority and it takes commitment and vigilance to curtail their destruction of public lands.

The Rubicon is an iconic route that was traveled by non-motorized transportation for untold thousands of years. Yet the relatively recent advent of extreme motor sports has made it impassable. Creating bypasses only spreads the damage. The original route deserves to be restored. Responsible resource management calls for closing it until it can recover, and then limiting the uses that caused it.

I know these are volatile issues and those of you in public office take tremendous pressure and unfair attacks in these circumstances. It takes a stiff spine and true courage to do the right thing. The off road industry is powerful and wealthy.

But so were the British in the 1700s. Please do all you can to protect the public's land from the tiny band of destructive, wealthy off-roaders that don't travel that route to appreciate the natural beauty, but only to test and trash their machines.

Monster trucks belong in an arena, not on public land.

Thank you,

Sincerely  
Donna Jones  
530-432-1371



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**Rubicon Trail Option 1**

**Helen Conway** to: bosfive

01/23/2010 10:03 AM

Cc: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, Snowlands Network Alert

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Norma Santiago, District 5

El Dorado County

Dear Ms Santiago,

While I am not a resident of El Dorado County, I am, as a member of the “Snowlands Network” interested and

Having watched, I can understand the enjoyment of the “Rock Crawler” drivers and their audience as they cha  
acceptable that this type of activity be allowed on a public historic trail in the Eldorado Forest.

Having read the “Action Alert” from Snowlands, may I presume to urge the Board of Supervisors to approve t

Native Californian,

Helen Conway

*Helen Conway*  
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**Rubicon Trail**

**catherine squire** to: bostwo, bosthree, bosfive

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Please adopt Option One for the Rubicon Trail to act conservatively financially since it the least expensive opt so people will enjoy living there and visiting, it is an economic development decision. I own a house in Amad

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**Fw: Jim Coate re the Rubicon Trail**  
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**Jim Coate re the Rubicon Trail**

**jim coate** to: bostwo

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Hi Ray - It's been awhile since I've talked to you about sports - good luck to your boys as they finish up their senior year (isn't that right?) at Union Mine - or basketball (3 on 3) or school matters or perhaps the Boys and Girls Club (I'm on the Board). I hope you are well. I see that the Board has a decision coming up on the management strategy for the Rubicon Trail. I just want to urge you to choose Option One. Let's keep the Trail as it has been - that is, as a wonderful experience for all off-roaders, NOT rock crawlers.

Option One will keep the simple character of the Trail, will be less expensive for the County, and will follow the Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) of the Regional Water Board. Option One easily serves our interests the best here in El Dorado County.

Thanks for your time and take care.

Jim



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**suzanne weber** to: undisclosed recipients ;

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Please!!! Select option 1 an perserve our futrue and the healthy enjoyment for future generations!!!  
thank you  
Suzanne Sanger

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**ferrisc** to: bostwo

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Ray,

Please support Option 1 regarding the Rubicon Trail CAO. This option maintains the historic trail and use, but repairs the damaged portions so traditional use can resume. This option allows the trail to be rerouted around sensitive areas where needed. Options 2 and 3 allow for continued destruction of this trail and the surrounding areas, and are completely unacceptable.

Charlie Ferris  
Pollock Pines.



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**Rubicon Trail**

**Hank Raymond** to: bostwo

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Dear Ray Nutting,

I'm writing you with regard to the future of the Rubicon Trail that you will be discussing in the upcoming meeting on January 26. I am in favor of option 1. Option one is the cheapest alternative and it is also the least destructive to the environment. Option one provides a single route which is the least environmentally damaging and will solve the Clean-up and Abatement Order problem. The Rubicon Trail is an historic route that should be preserved, but it isn't the county's duty to build it into some sort of playground for highly modified rock-crawlers. Building more trails for these highly destructive vehicles as proposed in options 2 and 3 will only destroy more of the environment and result in higher county expenses to repair damage to solve water quality programs and cause more Clean-up and Abatement orders to be issued. Let the extreme out-of-county rock-crawler crowd go damage someone else's environment. Let some other county pay for their clean-up issues.

-Hank Raymond  
South Lake Tahoe, CA



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Re: Rubicon Trail Route Designation

Gentlemen,

Please accept these comments from the Maidu Group of the Sierra Club regarding your potential route designation for the Rubicon Trail. The Maidu Group represents approximately 950 Sierra Club members in El Dorado and Amador counties.

The Sierra Club is greatly concerned about the recent increase in excessive year round use of the Rubicon Trail by extreme vehicles, which has resulted in abuse to the natural environment. The Rubicon Trail has traditionally been a popular motorized recreation trail which has been visited by thousands of off-road enthusiasts. These off-road users have enjoyed the challenging terrain and scenic beauty of the Rubicon Trail area. However, in the last 10 to 15 years, a new type of off-road vehicle has appeared on the trail. These extreme "rock crawlers" began to deliberately modify and destroy parts of the trail to make them more challenging for their extreme vehicles. They also began using the trail in the winter months, causing increased soil compaction and erosion and increased sedimentation of streams and ponds. On several sections of the trail, these "rock crawlers" made the trail so difficult that normal off-road vehicles have to use alternate routes to get around these sections. As a result, on some sections of the trail, a maze of alternate routes has developed. Each alternate route creates additional environmental issues.

When the Regional Water Quality Control Board issued their Cleanup and Abatement Order, they required the County to designate the legal location of the Trail. No mention was made of Alternate routes or corridors. The CAO specifically requires: "Documentation of the actual location of the Rubicon Trail within El Dorado County, including the centerline and an agreed-upon width from each side of that line. The documentation shall be in a form that shall be easily understood by both the public and law enforcement officials."

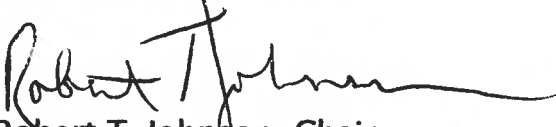
The fact is that the new extreme "rock crawlers" have significantly altered many sections of the trail to make it more challenging for them. As a result, traditional users of the trail have had to find less challenging bypass routes around these sections. These unauthorized alterations of the trail have also resulted in significant damage to the trail and the land and water courses through which it passes.

The County Department of Transportation has presented you with three options concerning the legal location of the Rubicon Trail since no legal location presently exists. Option 1 involves a single trail with no deviations. Option 2 involves a single trail with several alternative routes at various sections of the trail. Option 3 involves either option 1 or 2 with two additional "trail corridors" in the Little Sluice and Buck Island areas. These "corridors" would really become play areas for extreme off-road vehicles. Of these three options, **Option 1 is the only one that complies with the CAO from the Regional Water Board.** If the Board of Supervisors were to choose option 2 or 3, the result would be continued degradation of the lands and waters around the Rubicon Trail and would put the County in conflict with the Clean Water Act. A single Rubicon Trail route must be identified. If user-created impediments exist in certain sections of this route, they must be removed and the original route restored. Damage done to the chosen single trail by the extreme off-road vehicles must be repaired so that the trail can continue to be used by the traditional off-road enthusiasts who have enjoyed this trail for decades. When choosing between two or more segments to delineate at a particular section of the trail, the segment with the least environmental impact should be the obvious choice, and the other segments must be completely restored.

We'd like to make a final comment regarding the cost involved in the choice you are about to make. Because more land will be impacted by Options 2 or 3, more of the County's limited financial resources will go toward restoration and maintenance of the Trail. The El Dorado County General Fund is now supporting a play area for extreme off-roaders. We doubt that the average county taxpayer would be happy to see his taxes go to this select group of off-road recreationists, most of whom do not reside in the county.

In conclusion, the Maidu Group of the Sierra Club, recommends that the Board of Supervisors choose Option 1 to identify the legal location of the Rubicon Trail. Choosing Option 2 or 3 will put the County in conflict with the Regional Water Board's Cleanup and Abatement Order and will result in greatly increased legal costs and repair costs for El Dorado County and its taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert T. Johnson, Chair  
Maidu Group, Sierra Club