

RUBICON TRAIL FOUNDATION

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PRESS RELEASE: FOUNDATION TAKES NEW STANCE ON RUBICON ISSUE

Popular Play Area On The Chopping Block

Rubicon Trail Foundation (RTF), recently voted on a sensitive issue related to the Rubicon Trail in N. California. There is a spot on the trail that is popular with Off Highway Vehicles (OHV)

"RTF believes that Soup Bowl is an asset to the Rubicon Trail. With proper engineering, education and enforcement, this feature of the trail that is well within the scope of the road prism should be left intact and maintained for use by the public.

Friends of the Rubicon (FOTR) is willing to maintain any signage, barriers and drainage to keep this area clean, managed and maintained."

Rusty Folena, newly elected as the President of RTF said: "Soup Bowl is a short but vital portion of the trail that is enjoyed by many users. The diversity of providing a difficult opportunity in such a close relationship to the trail will help users stay on the trail. However, in order to continue Soup Bowl needs changes in order to prevent resource damage and rehabilitate portions back to original condition."

RTF believes the area at Soup Bowl is close enough to the trail to be termed a "turnout" There are roads everywhere in the country on roads that have wider sections for one reason or another. On the Rubicon there are three "turnouts" or fully two different sets of tracks just in the first half mile of the Ellis Creek Intertie. There are numerous places like this on the trail but none that have the notoriety of Soup Bowl.

FOTR has committed to trail maintenance since 2001, when the Lahontan Water District issued an order for cleanup and maintenance. In 2004 the Central Valley Water district issued a similar order. (see previous press releases)

Rubicon Trail Foundation appreciates the efforts of El Dorado County and the State Parks Division of OHV to support and maintain this wonderful resource for OHV use in the High Sierra.

The Rubicon Trail Foundation was formed in 2004. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation dedicated to the future health of the Rubicon Trail and our mission is to enhance the future health and use of the Rubicon Trail, while ensuring responsible motorized year-round trail access. FOTR and RTF works with individuals, 4x4 clubs, organizations, and agencies to maintain and manage the trail. Our Officers and Directors represent a wide variety of Rubicon Trail OHV users, land owners, county representatives, manufacturers, and event organizers.

If you would like to help with our efforts, you may send your tax deductible donations to: Rubicon Trail Foundation PO Box 2188 Placerville, CA 95667 Paypal donations or major credit cards by calling 888-6rubicon or by signing up for a Friends of the Rubicon work party at: www.friendsoftherubicon.com

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