

Rubicon Trail Timeline

- In 1850, Rubicon Springs were discovered.
- In August, 1887, the El Dorado County Supervisors declared the trail a “public highway.”
- The first car drove to Rubicon Springs in 1908.
- In the 1930s and 40s, the County improved the route, rebuilding bridges.
- In August of 1953 the first “Jeepers Jamboree” took place with 55 Jeeps and 155 participants.
- In 1989, El Dorado County reaffirmed the Rubicon Trail as a “non-maintained public road in the County of El Dorado.
- December 2000, Placer County received a notice of violation letter from the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) for discharging and threatening to discharge wastes from McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road to McKinney Creek in violation of Cease and Desist Order No. 6-94-20
- June 2001, Placer County submitted repair, reconstruction and water quality improvement plan.
- October 2001, Placer County submitted an annual operation and maintenance plan committing to monitor and maintain the improvements made to the Rubicon Trail.
- January 2002, Cease and Desist order is rescinded by Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- June 2003, El Dorado County conducts workshops and prepares documents for draft Environmental Impact Report.
- October 2007, El Dorado County releases Rubicon Trail Master Plan. Board of Supervisors unable to implement plan due to lack of funding.
- October 2008, vault toilet installed at Loon Lake trailhead.
- In 2008, private property owners installed 4 composting toilets in the Rubicon Springs area.
- January 23, 2009, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board issues Draft Cleanup and Abatement Order to El Dorado County, Department of Transportation.
- January 23, 2009 - February 23, 2009, Public comment period for Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board’s Draft Clean up and Abatement Order for the El Dorado County segment of the Rubicon Trail.
- February 23, 2009 - March 31, 2009, Public comment period extended due to multiple requests from various parties.