



**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chambers**

September 15, 2012

STAFF REPORT: Public Safety and Law Enforcement
STAFF: Brian E. Robertson, Public Safety Superintendent
SUBJECT: Rubicon Trail

Summary

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division law enforcement staff is in the process of completing its third season as a working partner with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office and the United States Forest Service (USFS), Tahoe National Forest. The mission and goal has been to support the off-highway vehicle (OHV) land managing partners to promote safe and responsible OHV recreation.

Discussion

The OHMVR Division law enforcement staff began the Rubicon Trail 2012 season May 4, 2012. The current patrol season is scheduled to conclude the weekend of September 30, 2012. Twenty-two weekend patrols will have been concluded at that time, spanning five months, consisting of a total of 68 days spent on the trail, and approximately 21 Rangers having participated in the program.

The cost of the program to date has remained within the anticipated budget. Personnel costs have averaged approximately \$3,800 per weekend. Patrol vehicle maintenance and repair costs are also anticipated to remain within the seasonal \$7,500 budget.

The law enforcement staff contacted over 3,000 enthusiasts associated with approximately 1,600 vehicles using the trail. Numerous other user groups, such as hikers, hunters, and mountain bikers, have been contacted or greeted by Ranger staff as well. The staff issued over 70 USFS fire permits to individuals.

Staff also participated in the Rubicon trail education and awareness campaign developed by the County of El Dorado. While discussing the important issues surrounding the Rubicon Trail, Rangers handed out hundreds of county's bandanas and stickers to the enthusiasts enjoying the trail.

The partnership and relationship between the County of El Dorado, the USFS, and the OHMVR Division continues to strengthen as we continue our cooperative efforts to educate and promote safe and responsible OHV recreation opportunities to the visitors of the world famous Rubicon Trail.

Commission Action

For information only.