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I have been recreating in the Eldorado National Forest for nearly two decades. Much of my recreation takes place on or near the Rubicon Trail. I have also spent hundreds of hours volunteering for groups such as Friends of the Rubicon. Having first-hand experience on the Rubicon Trail during different seasons, I can tell you that some of the numbers in the draft CAO are seriously flawed. For example, the estimated use of the trail by 35,000 vehicles during the three summer months is not even close to accurate.

It's my opinion that your valuable time is being wasted by a very small group of individuals who will use any means within their grasp to further their personal agendas. This includes ridding all public land of responsible motorized recreation.

Mike Ross