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As a citizen of Northern California, in particular El Dorado County, who is concerned that human use in fragile wild areas is managed appropriately and with a sustainable approach (both for non-human and human inhabitants and visitors) I whole-heartedly support the Board's Draft Cleanup and Abatement Order for the Rubicon Trail as written, including the timetable for action. Please do not weaken it. Wet season Trail closures seem to be very necessary to minimize irreversible damage. A permit-and-fee program should be instituted in the least costly manner (by mail? Or at existing local offices? And without creating much more bureaucracy).

I would also support the Trail being open to motorized traffic only at certain times (like certain days of the week, or times of the month, like 2nd half of every month, June-Oct or whatever makes sense), in order to balance use by off-highway enthusiasts and those wishing a quiet, non-motorized nature experience in this beautiful area.

Thank you for taking this issue so seriously.

Susan