

County Update 5/17/2022

I want to give a quick update on the maintenance project last week. First and most important I would like to thank the community for respecting the closure of the Rubicon Trail. We got a lot of work completed and did not have to stop or worry about users on the trail which made a huge difference. The County's goal is to uphold the agreement with the Water Board and the Forest Service to protect water quality by doing maintenance on the trail to keep it open. The County does the heavy lifting but depends on the community to help us keep the trail open with the Adopt a Trail program, volunteers and the eyes and ears of the community to let us know what is needed. If you see something, please give us a call or drop an email and will work with you to get the issue resolved.

Several locations were improved and we put over 30 trees on the trail to delineate the trail. Please do not drive over or remove these delineators. In an effort to keep the trail open, everyone needs to stay on the trail. There is also a map on the County website that is free you can download and it will show you where you are on the trail. We hope with these efforts all users will know where the trail is and is not.

The volunteers on the project were amazing as always. Mike Elrod & Tim Green on communications, Tim Wardlow worked with Brian Bettencourt on the trail. These projects would not be successful without you. These volunteers are part of your community and they are there for all of you. Yes they are helping the county but they are really helping the community that they love and respect. I appreciate them for their contribution but also their input and protecting your interest on the trail.

I have to thank the county employees who went above and beyond to help the Parks Division complete this project. Cameron and Tony from the Department of Transportation ran the hook in the pit but when it came to flying the trees, they went back home one night grabbed their rig and family. Cameron's father and brother are loggers and they worked in Ellis Creek Campground preparing the trees to be used as trail delineators. We would have not completed this part of the project without them. I cannot express enough what they have done for all of us. Brian Bettencourt was all over the trail. His input as a user and an employee are so appreciated. El Dorado County Sheriff, Deputy Craig Reimche was at the trail to ensure that we had no one on the trail while we were working. This made a big difference. I appreciate having him on the trail this year, working with him is a pleasure.

There will be more details to come on this project but I wanted to give you a quick update. All I need from the user community now is for you to go out and enjoy the trail. Using the trail will push the rocks where we need them. So it is up to you now!