

Rubicon Trail Site Assessment

January 25, 2013

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Weather Conditions: The weather conditions for the Rubicon Trail were partly overcast, sunny and cool. The temperature was 40 (F) throughout the whole visit. The summary of weather conditions up to this day are as follows:

2013		21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	25-Jan	26-Jan	27-Jan	28-Jan	29-Jan
GT	Precip (in)	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.25	0.52	0.08	0.10	0.04	0.00
	Avg Temp (F)	53	54	53	50	51	44	0	36	42
SLT	Precip (in)	0	0	T	0.28	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0
	Avg Temp (F)	29	30	38	38	40	36	26	21	0
R2	Snow Depth (in)	39	38	38	37	37	36	36	36	36
	Avg Temp (F)	35	40	43	40	35	37	34	22	23

Reference Loon Lake Elevation: ~6,500 ft

GT = Georgetown; elevation: 2,880 ft

<http://classic.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=95634>

SLT= South Lake Tahoe; elevation: 6,623 ft

<http://classic.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=38.89361191,-119.99527740&MR=1>

R2 – Rubicon#2 Snotel Site; elevation: 7,689 ft

<http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/nwcc/site?sitenum=724&state=ca>

Trail Sections (Areas in grey not observed):

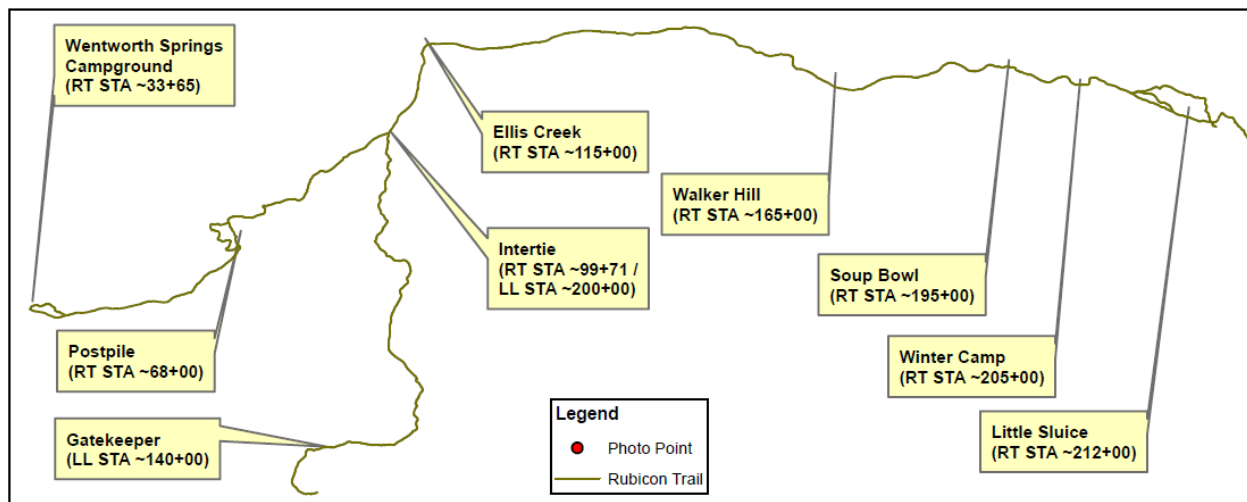
Wentworth Springs Campground / Post Pile Grade /

Gate Keeper / Ellis Creek Tie Intersection / Walker Hill / Soup Bowl / Winter Camp / Little Sluice Area

Trail Conditions / Observations: There were no vehicles that were seen on the trail over the course of the day. There were snow berms on both Ice House Rd and Wentworth Springs Road that made access to the Rubicon Trail challenging. There were a few sets of vehicle tracks on Wentworth Springs Road.

County Assessment: Due to the snow berms at the entrances, access to the Rubicon Trail was restricted.

Photo Monitoring:



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Snow berm at Ice House Rd



Average snow depth at Ice House Rd was 36"



Snow berm at Wentworth Springs Road



Average snow depth at Wentworth Springs Road was 29"