

Rubicon Trail Site Assessment

January 12, 2026

Crew: Brian Bettencourt and Tim Canavarro

Weather Conditions: The weather conditions for the Rubicon Trail on January 22 were clear and sunny. The air temperature on the trail was approximately 34(F) at 8.30a.m. and about 44(F) around 13:30 p.m. The summary of weather conditions up to this day are as follows:

		2026				
		8 – Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan
SLT	Precip (in)	.02	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Avg Temp (F)	24.1	19.3	20.9	24.3	24.9
R2	Snow Depth (in)	34	34	33	32	30
	Avg Temp (F)	27	17	23	28	33
LL	Precip (in)	0.21	0.31	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Low Temp(F)	22	16	23	29	33
	High Temp(F)	31	25	38	49	49
	Ave Temp(F)	28	21	31	35	40

Reference Loon Lake Elevation: ~6,500 ft

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>

LON –Loon Lake; elevation: 6,410 ft http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/stationInfo?station_id=LON

Trail Sections (Areas in grey not observed):

Wentworth Springs Campground / Post Pile Grade /

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

Trail Conditions / Observations: Staff approached the Rubicon Trail from Wentworth Springs. There was snow on the ground of about 3 feet.

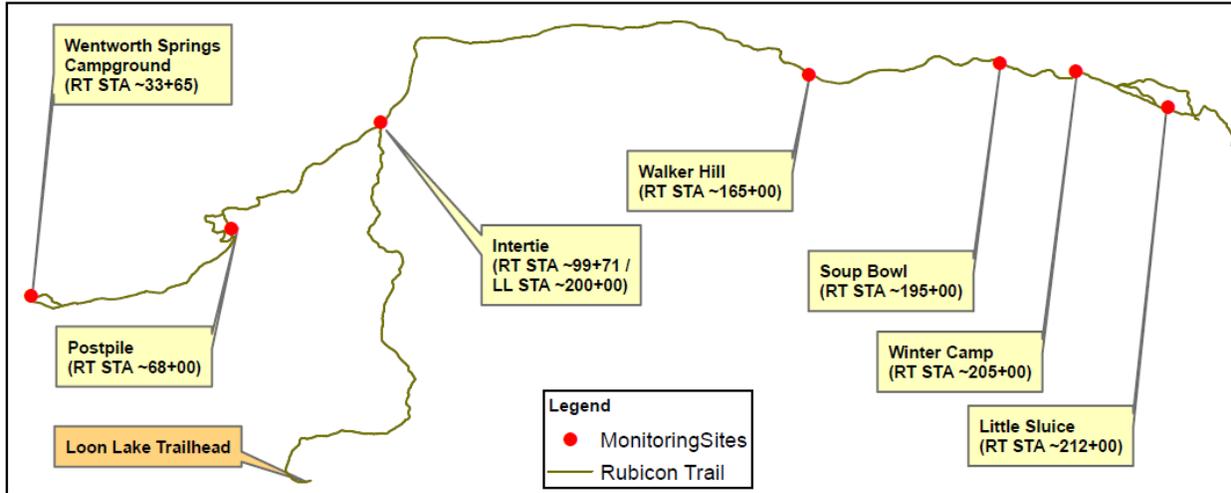
County Assessment: Only three of the sites were observed due to snow conditions

Report submitted to U.S. Forest Service:

Reviewer: Dionne Uzes

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Photo Monitoring:



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Wentworth Springs Campground

RT Station 33+65

Water Depths:	0.2 ft.	0.1 ft.	0.2 ft.
Notes:	Ice and snow on the ground. Some melt draining as designed		

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Post Pile			
RT Station 68+00			
Water Depths:	0.2 ft.	0.1 ft.	0.0 ft.
Notes:	Water running across the trail and draining as designed		

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Intertie

RT Station 115+00

Water Depths:	0.0 ft.	0.1 ft.	0.0 ft.
Notes:	Slow minor snow melting and draining as designed		

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Walker Hill			
RT Station 165+00			
Water Depths:	0.0 ft.	0.0 ft.	0.0 ft.
Notes:	Area not visited		

Soup Bowl			
RT Station 195+00			
Water Depths:	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft
Notes:	Area not visited		

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Winter Camp			
RT Station 205+00			
Water Depths:	-	-	-
Notes:	Area not visited		

Little Sluice			
RT Station 212+00			
Water Depths:	-	-	-
Notes:	Area not visited		