

Rubicon Trail Site Assessment

March 2 2026

Crew: Brian Bettencourt and Tim Canavarro

Weather Conditions: The weather conditions for the Rubicon Trail on February 2nd were clear and sunny. The air temperature on the trail was approximately 38(F) at 08.30 in the morning and about 51(F) around 15:00 in the afternoon. The summary of weather conditions up to this day are as follows:

		2026				
		26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	1-March	2-March
SLT	Precip (in)	.06	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.07
	Avg Temp (F)	45.8	40.1	45.7	39	37.9
R2	Snow Depth (in)	35	33	31	30	30
	Avg Temp (F)	42	44	44	39	35
LL	Precip (in)	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Low Temp(F)	37	36	39	35	31
	High Temp(F)	56	59	56	42	46
	Ave Temp(F)	44	46	46	39	37

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. Snow on the ground was approximately 2 to 2.5 feet.

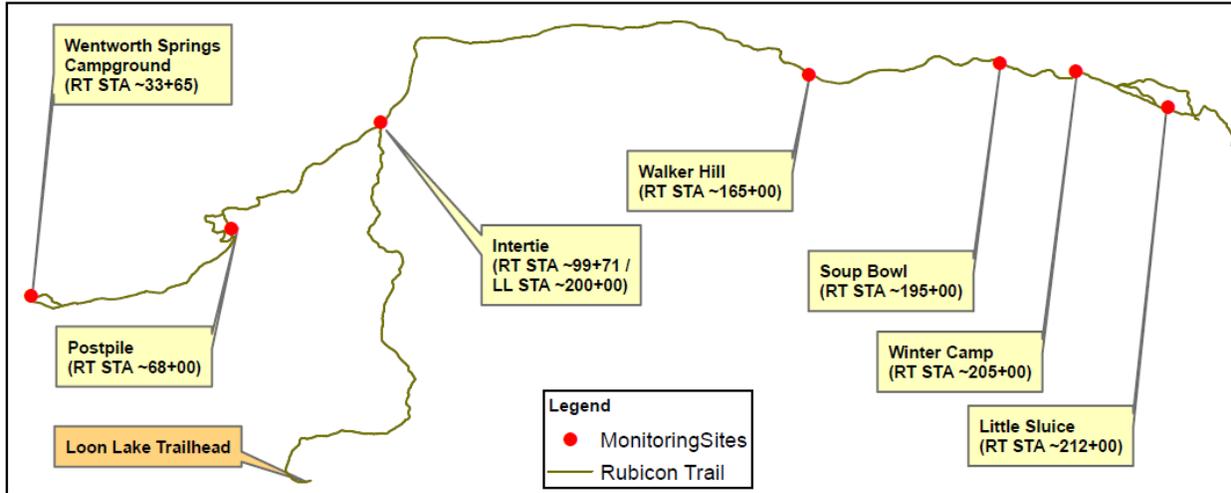
County Assessment: All sites were visited. Temperatures were mild and snow was melting with all BMPs performing well.

Report submitted to U.S. Forest Service:

Reviewer: USFS -

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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:	Snow melting and draining as designed		

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Post Pile

RT Station 68+00

Water Depths:	0.1 ft.	0.3 ft.	0.2 ft.
Notes:	Water running across the trail and draining as designed		

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Intertie

RT Station 115+00

Water Depths:	0.1 ft.	0.2 ft.	0.1 ft.
Notes:	Snow melting and draining as designed		

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Walker Hill

RT Station 165+00

Water Depths:	0.1 ft.	0.1 ft.	0.1 ft.
Notes:	Little water running down the trail. Draining as designed.		

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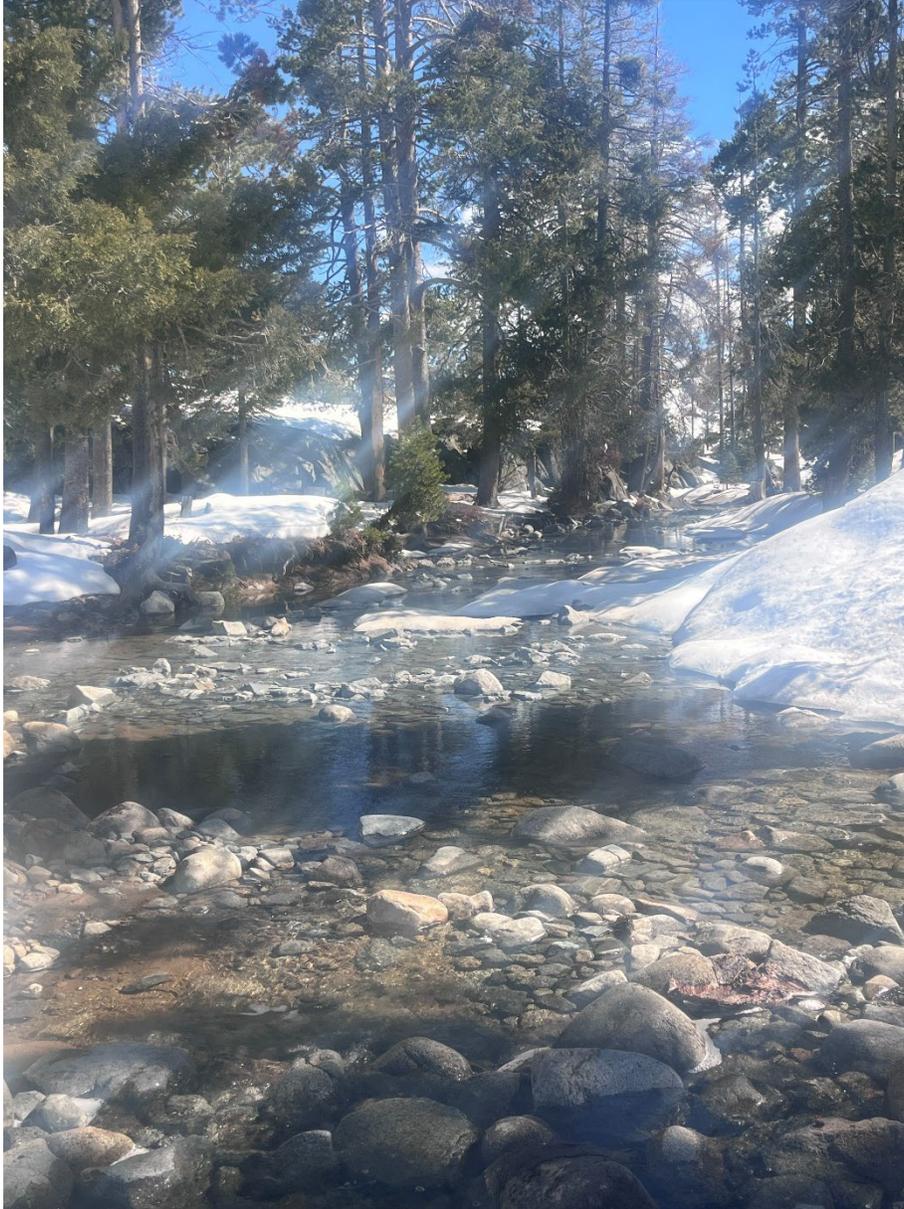


Soup Bowl

RT Station 195+00

Water Depths:	0.3ft	0.4 ft	0.1 ft
Notes:	Snow melting and draining as designed.		

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Winter Camp

RT Station 205+00

Water Depths:	0.4 ft	0.3 ft	0.2 ft
Notes:	Snow melt draining as designed.		

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Little Sluice

RT Station 212+00

Water Depths:	0.1 ft	0.0 ft	0.0 ft
Notes:	Area mostly covered in snow.		