

WINTER USE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendation for winter use provided by Rubicon Trail Foundation with support from El Dorado County



Maintenance removal of down trees on the trail should be done with caution. Move cut pieces off the trail so that they will not cause people to try to drive off trail around them.





Avoid resource damage. Stay on the trail. Knowing where the trail is located is crucial to snow travel. Do not make this a first time trip. Go with someone that has experience.





Use care when crossing melt holes. Lockers will allow tires to grab and not spin when in contact with ground. They also will help to keep tires from spinning when suspension is at maximum travel allowing power to be applied to the wheels on the ground.





Large-diameter, wide tires, run on bead-locked rims with low-single-digit air pressures that reduce the risk of breaking through the snow, similar to how snowshoes work for hikers.



Tread Lightly!! Use a winch and not the throttle when in a situation where tires can spin uncontrolled.





Go prepared!! A simple accident or mis-step can turn in to a life threatening situation very quickly. Know the area, have communications and leave a plan with a friend on the outside when you travel in dangerous conditions.



This picture shows why winter and even early spring can have little to no use on the trail. This is the Wentworth intersection and is several miles from plow line. Barts Creek is just out of sight in the background.