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Veteran-Led Team Rubicon Wraps Up Wildfire Mitigation Operation In Moab, Utah

MOAB, UT, (March 28, 2019) – <u>Team Rubicon</u>, a veteran-led disaster response organization, has wrapped up their wildfire mitigation operations in Moab, UT. The four-day operation started March 22nd, when Team Rubicon volunteers aided in reducing fire risk along Mill Creek in preparation for wildfire seasons.

Team Rubicon's 62 volunteers came from Utah, Grand Junction, CO and Durango, CO. The volunteers logged 2,000 hours removing 144 trees and clearing 23,000 cubic yards of debris. The efforts of Team Rubicon resulted in a volunteer labor impact and community cost savings of approximately \$60,000. Team Rubicon performs its services at no cost to those affected, thanks to the generosity of donors and volunteers.

"We're honored to have served Moab and built lasting relationships with the community," said Bob Toth, State Administrator for Utah. "Our volunteers worked very hard and made a large impact in the Mill Creek area. We'd especially like to thank Rim to Rim Restoration, the Grand County Sheriff, and the Moab Fire Department for their support and hospitality during this operation"



Team Rubicon boasts a 90,000-strong, highly skilled volunteer force that helps communities stabilize and recover after a devastating natural disaster. Since its inception following the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Team Rubicon has responded to 325 disasters, including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, Florence, and Michael.

Through a strong communications infrastructure supported by our cutting-edge technological solutions, Team Rubicon volunteers efficiently and effectively respond to natural disasters and help families return to their homes as soon as possible. By giving military veteran volunteers the opportunity to continue their service through disaster response, Team Rubicon provides them an avenue to gain a renewed sense of purpose, community, and identity.

About Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Team Rubicon is a nonprofit organization offering veterans a chance to continue their service by helping those affected by disasters, and also themselves. Programs and services are made possible by the support of individual donors, corporate partners, and the dedication of volunteers across the country. To join or support Team Rubicon's mission, visit www.teamrubiconusa.org.