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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN
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Dear Ms. Roland-Nawi,

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(c) and Stipulation II.D of the *Programmatic Agreement among the United States Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, the United State Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District, the California State Historic Preservation Officer and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding Undertakings Affecting the Rubicon Trail, Eldorado County, California* (Rubicon Trail PA), the Eldorado National Forest (ENF) is pleased to submit for your review and concurrence the “*National Register of Historic Places Evaluation for the Rubicon Trail, Eldorado National Forest, Eldorado County, California*” prepared by Cindy L. Baker, M.A. of PAR Environmental Services, Inc. under contract with the ENF.

The study concludes that the Rubicon Trail is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under different criterion, within several periods of significance and on either a local, state or national level.

In summary, the Rubicon Trail has three periods of significance. The first period begins around 1855 to 1887, when the trail was a transportation route that connected the town of Georgetown to Lake Tahoe. This early pack trail route overlaps a portion of the Rubicon Trail (Segment A). The second period dates from 1887 to 1926 when the route was associated with tourism, carrying travelers to resorts developed along the trail. After 1926, the trail fell into disuse and disrepair until 1946 when the trail was rediscovered and used by Jeeps as an off-road vehicle excursion road. This date marks the beginning of the third period that extends to present day (Baker 2012).

Specifically, the study applied the National Register criteria (36 CFR 63) and concluded that:

Segment A retains sufficient integrity to be eligible for the NRHP under the first period of significance (1855 to 1887) under criteria A, C and D at the local level. While the pack trail had few improvements, on the ground evidence does exist on the ground of the historic location.

Both segments (A and B) are eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under criteria A, C and D under the second period of significance (1887 – 1926) at the local level. During this period (tourism destination travel), the trail’s integrity of location, association, setting, materials, workmanship and design remain strong.

Both segments (A and B) are eligible for the NRHP under the third period of significance (1946 –to present) under criteria A and C at the local, State and National levels, and under criteria B at the local level.



The ENF concurs with these findings and, therefore, respectfully requests your concurrence with this determination of eligibility pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(c) and the stipulations of the Rubicon PA.

Please do not hesitate to contact Katy Parr, Forest Archaeologist, at 530.295.5643 or kparr@fs.fed.us, if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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