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Fwd: Preservation of Railroad Tracks in El Dorado County

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El Dorado County Supervisors,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad in their quest to preserve the railroad right of way of Southern Pacific's former Placerville Branch. It has come to the understanding of the Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society, 501(c)3, that these historic tracks are in jeopardy of becoming a bicycle trail, without being mindful of historic preservation. As you may be aware, the track in El Dorado County was an extension of the first railroad west of the Mississippi River, the Sacramento Valley Railroad. In fact, 2015 is the 150th anniversary of the arrival of these rails in your county.

The position of our historical society is that the preservation of these tracks are imperative to the interpretation of railroad history not only in El Dorado County, but in California and the nation. There is a national and international awareness of the significance of this railroad and the P&SVRR efforts, which we encourage to continue. We would like the Board of Supervisors and any other interested parties to consider and champion a "Rails **WITH** Trails" proposal, allowing the revenue-generating railroad to serve as an economic benefit to your community, while supporting a bicycle and hiking trail along its side. Without rails, the trail would be nothing more than a cost center for the county with no benefit to the majority of residents. Certainly we advocate the rails stay and the trains keep running!

Thank You,
Scott Inman
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