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April 23, 2023

Kelly Carnahan Assistant to Rafael Martinez, Director El Dorado County Department of Transportation

**RE: Final Draft Resolution to the Board of Supervisors** 

Dear Kelly,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the proposed resolution to the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Department of Transportation Director & Deputy Director to Approve Temporary Road Closures in El Dorado including the Rubicon Trail.

Mark A. Smith Off-Roading / Jeep Jamboree USA supports the final draft resolution that you provided to all stakeholders on April 20, 2023.

I would like to commend El Dorado County for patiently working with all the stakeholders to ensure the resolution was agreed upon by all parties, this is an extraordinary task. The County did an excellent job navigating the needs and requests of all parties and addressing everyone's concerns. This is prime example of a government agency working alongside enthusiast groups to adopt a commonsense policy that also meets the need of the County.

As the County continues to improve dialogue and communication with user groups, I would request that the same successful "open line" of communication that was used to collaborate on this resolution be used for scheduling maintenance operations on the Rubicon Trail; particularly but not limited to, working with organizations that historically host larger groups on the Rubicon Trail.

Warm regards,

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Pearse Umlauf President & CEO April 23rd, 2023 Kelly Carnahan Assistant to Rafael Martinez, Director El Dorado County Department of Transportation

RE: Final Draft Resolution to the Board of Supervisors.

Dear Kelly,

Thank you and the County as a whole for taking the time to consider our thoughts and comments. This goes a long way towards a solid, long term relationship not only with the Stakeholders but also and maybe more importantly, the Rubicon community as a whole. As discussed in our prior communication, the Rubicon is so many things to so many people and we need to be considerate of that fact. So thank you for that.

We feel as others in the group do, that the County made every effort to make this an aggregable resolution to all concerned. Allowing the County to move forward in its preservation of the trail while limiting closures and maintaining year round access for its users.

We as a family, stakeholders and more importantly trail advocates support the Final Draft and take this as a positive sign of things to come, moving forward with continued healthy communication between government and public.

Thanks to the County, the Stakeholders and all concerned in making this happen. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at anytime.

Respectfully

Tim and Heidi Green.

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April 25, 2023

Kelly Carnahan Assistant to Rafael Martinez, Director El Dorado County Department of Transportation

Re: Final Draft Resolution to the Board of Supervisors

Dear Kelly,

We would like to express our gratitude to the Department of Transportation for allowing us the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the proposed resolution to the Board of Supervisors authorizing the Department of Transportation's Director & Deputy Director to approve Temporary Road Closures in El Dorado County, including the unmaintained county Rubicon Trail.

You provided for review, a final draft resolution to all stakeholders on April 20, 2023. Jeepers Jamboree & Jeep Jamboree, Inc. fully supports this final draft resolution to go in front of the Board of Supervisors.

Jeepers Jamboree has been traversing the famous Rubicon Trail for overs 70 years. We have worked with El Dorado County Department of Transportation, El Dorado County Parks, and El Dorado National Forest Service to ensure the Rubicon Trail's continued safety and access are there for generations to come. We cannot express our appreciation enough on the continued team work to look after El Dorado County's roads, and the beloved crown jewel, the Rubicon Trail. The County did an amazing job in allowing the stakeholders to have a voice regarding the resolutions, and the patience to work towards an agreement that everyone approves of.

It is a heartwarming feeling to see a great example of a Government Agency working alongside a group of enthusiasts to adopt a policy that will work for everyone. We look forward to the continued efforts, and support from El Dorado County working together on the communications and maintenance operations for the trail.

Sincerely,

James R. Sweeney President

April 25, 2023

Kelly Carnahan Assistant to Rafael Martinez, Director El Dorado County Department of Transportation

RE: Final Draft Resolution for the Board of Supervisors, including Closures of the Rubicon Trail

Dear Kelly,

I represent Rubicon Soda Springs, Inc (RSSI), a family-owned corporation that owns 400 acres of land which the Rubicon Trail passes through. As the voice for our shareholders, I would like to thank you for including us in the draft process. We felt as though our voice mattered in creating a resolution that will both protect and preserve the Rubicon Trail for many generations. I would also like to thank you for including the many other stakeholders that are advocates for safe and responsible off-road land use and preservation of the trail. By bringing us all together, you have created a very knowledgeable and experienced group to formulate a resolution that works for the County AND the users.

After receiving the final draft on April 20<sup>th</sup>, we believe you have created a resolution that benefits the preservation of the land/trail and protects both the users and the County. RSSI supports the document as it stands in this final draft.

As we move forward, we hope that the County continues to use the knowledge and experience of the stakeholders that represent the user groups to help navigate any future issues or resolutions concerning the Rubicon Trail. This was a tremendous collaboration that created a solid working document for temporary trail closures.

Sincerely,

**Christian Prince** 

President Rubicon Soda Springs, Inc