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June 24, 2014

Ms. Carol Roland-Nawi State Historic Preservation Officer Office of Historic Preservation 1725 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95816

RE: Rubicon Trail - National Register of Historic Places

Dear Ms. Roland-Nawi:

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors is not in support of any effort to nominate or consider the Rubicon Trail to be included in the National Register of Historic Places.

On March 4, 2014, our Board of Supervisors received a presentation on the U.S. Forest Service's study, "National Register of Historic Places Evaluation for the Rubicon Trail, Eldorado National Forest, El Dorado County, California." In order to appropriately assess the considerations for the County itself as well as the position of the general public, including local agencies, property owners and individual and organization user groups, the Board directed county staff to research the National Register of Historic Places Program and conduct public meetings as an outreach to those who might also be affected.

County staff held two public meetings and conducted an extensive review of the process to nominate, evaluate and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places. The County's outreach efforts generated numerous comments; all in opposition to any effort to nominate the Rubicon Trail to be included in the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, as a result of our staff's research, we are of the position that including the Rubicon Trail, as evaluated by the U.S. Forest Service in their study, in the National Register of Historic Places is not in the best interest of the Trail, the County, the neighboring property owners and those who use it.

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The County of El Dorado appreciates your consideration of our concerns and our position on behalf of our constituents.

Respectfully,

Norma Santiago Chair, Board of Supervisors County of El Dorado

cc: Laurence Crabtree, Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest