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California State Office of Historic Preservation  
1725 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100  
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December 2, 2020

Re: Support for the historical designation of the Jeepers Jamboree event

The first Jeepers Jamboree event occurred in 1953 and has been an annual event ever since. It is an event at the top of the list for many local, national and international off-road enthusiasts.

The 1971 state legislation establishing the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program was coauthored by El Dorado County's own Gene Chappie. Gene was also one of the founding members of the Jeepers Jamboree event. This designation is expected to be a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the California OHMVR program in 2021.

Traditionally, the Jeepers Jamboree starts in Georgetown and ends near Lake Tahoe, mostly on El Dorado County roadways. Steeped in the tradition of this event we recognize it is unique and we are confident it cannot be duplicated anywhere else. It is special.

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors agree with our El Dorado County Historical Society and whole heartedly supports the designation of the Jeepers Jamboree event as a California Historical Landmark event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian K. Veerkamp". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors