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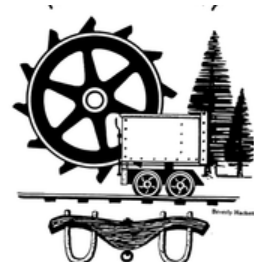
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Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At today's meeting, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of the Donner Cross be approved. The applicant is the Truckee-Donner Historical Society. The Cross is located in front of 12047 Donner Pass Road in Truckee. The APN 18-500-13. The Truckee-Donner Historical Society is the beneficial owner of the Cross and the ground upon which it stands and will exercise supervision over the maintenance and protection of the Cross. The landmark is to be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 24-06, assuming the pending applications are approved first.

Erected in 1887, the original Donner Cross was the first public recognition of the ill-fated Donner Party. It was intended to mark the site of the Graves Cabin, where some members of the Donner Party wintered. The Cross has been moved at least five times to accommodate Truckee's growth, especially the construction of I-80. The Cross itself has experienced damage over the years. The present Cross is believed to be the fifth iteration. The intent of the application is to help assure some permanency to the Cross and its location. There can be little question of its historical significance; the Graves Cabin site marked by the Cross is on the National Register of Historic Places.



The research and documentation which accompanies the application has been reviewed by several Commissioners for historical accuracy. The application and supporting documentation is enclosed.

If you approve the application, please forward the resolution and accompanying documents to the County Recorder.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

Bernard Zimmerman
Bernard Zimmerman, Chair

cc: Truckee-Donner Historical Society w/o enc.

