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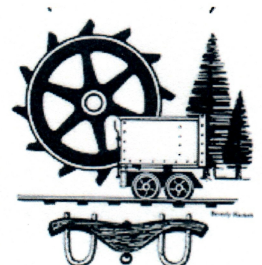
Nevada County Board of Supervisors
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Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At today's meeting, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of Mule Spring be approved. The applicant is the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) which administers the land on which the site sits. The landmark is to be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 25-09, assuming the pending applications are approved first.

Mule Spring is located on the California Emigrant Trail, which was designated a National Historic Trail by Congress in 1992. Mule Spring was a favorite place for early emigrants and their teams to rest while traveling west to the Johnson Ranch and Camp Far West in the early 1850s. You will note that in their diaries and other writings, emigrants frequently referred to it as Mule Springs. There is only one spring and the name BLM uses is Mule Spring. Mule Spring is also notable as the place from which the first relief party set off to rescue members of the Donner Party in 1847.

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,



Chuck Scimeca, Commissioner

cc: Jeffrey Horn, BLM

