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STATE OF CALIFORNIA—THE RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
POINT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

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Reg. No. _____

Date _____

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County Nevada

Name SITE OF IDAHO-MARYLAND MINE

Location Idaho-Maryland Road, Grass Valley

Historical Significance:

The Idaho quartz mine was discovered in 1863. It prospered under the Coleman brothers from 1867-93, then consolidated with the Maryland and other small mines. Eventually it became one of the "Big Three" of the Northern Mines, the other two being the Empire and the North Star. Its final years under the management of Errol MacBoyle were very productive. He developed a revolutionary method of shaft sinking, using a huge core drill called the Newsome drilling machine. World War II and government order L28 brought about final closing.

References: Gold Mines of California by Jack Wagner; Mines and Mineral Resources of Nevada County by Errol MacBoyle

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RECOMMENDED:

Alse E. Barnhart

Signature—Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

Date

March 12, 1984

APPROVED:

Signature—Chairman, State Historical Resources Commission

Date

Nov. 2, 1984