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interested in the  
Washington, Idaho &  
Montana Railway, from  
its origins in 1905  
through it's ownership  
of today.

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# THE WHITE PINE ROUTE QUARTERLY

The Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway  
History Preservation Group, INC.



**WI&M #30 in Potlatch, September 1957.** An Alco S3 purchased new in 1950, #30 became Tacoma Municipal Belt #907 in 1965, and later sold to the Brandon Corp. of Omaha, NE, and operated as their #71. Brandon scrapped one of its two S3 locos but whether it was #30 is unknown. If alive, #30, repainted to her original Spokane International-clone livery, would look good parked next to a restored Potlatch depot! (In the background is either the X4 or X5, ex-"shorty" NP cabooses, and the end of an experimental wood chip car. Retired WI&M Master Mechanic and HPG member Rex Benson said the experiment was abandoned because the cars proved too high-centered when loaded and tipped over easily.) *From the collection of Leo-*

Mission Statement of  
the Washington, Idaho  
& Montana Railway  
History Preservation  
Group:

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"To locate, preserve,  
and archive all items  
of a historical nature  
relating to the history  
of the WI&MRy;  
to issue publications  
on this and related  
subjects; to encourage  
public interest in the  
history of the WI&M  
and the Potlatch Lum-  
ber Company; and, to  
acquire objects and  
property appropriate  
for a museum and/or  
any of the purposes  
listed above."

## WE'RE INCORPORATED! ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FILED JUNE 1, 2000.

To position the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway History Preservation Group for future projects and preservation funding, Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Idaho Secretary of State in late May, 2000, effective June 1, 2000.

Listed on the Articles of Incorporation as WI&MRy HPG, Inc. directors for the first year are: "WI&M-book-in-the-works" author Tom Burg of Merrill, WI; Jack Coyner, Potlatch historian/grant writer of Princeton, ID; and, HPG founder Jim West of Post Falls, ID. All three are founding members of the WI&MRy HPG.

Per the bylaws, new directors will be added to the board at a limit of three per year, to a maximum of nine directors. Terms will be for three years. Members can nominate anyone, including themselves, for election to a director position.

The directors, charged with overseeing and delegating responsibility for the corporation's business, are not required to be HPG members. This will allow professionals—lawyers, accountants, business and marketing managers, etc.—to direct the HPG as they would a business. Although we are a nonprofit, we must operate effectively if we are to raise sufficient funding for our projects: preservation of Number 1, restoration of the Potlatch depot, and safeguarding of other WI&M-related relics, such as BENX 182 (Pg 7).

All officers, committee members, volunteer staff, etc. will be appointed by the directors or by those assigned such responsibilities by the directors. Only officers—charged with the day to day business of the HPG--must be card-carrying members in good standing of the WI&MRy HPG.