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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 Lumber Company; and, to acquire objects and property appropriate for a museum and/or any of the purposes listed above."

# THE WHITE PINE ROUTE QUARTERLY

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**The Potlatch depot shows off its new, albeit temporary, roof and blue tarped chimney.** The PRCC high-rail truck shows up on the platform just as the last of the Clearwater Power boom and bucket trucks head for the barn in Princeton. In spite of the gloomy day, the winds were light and no rain fell. The donated hay tarps secured onto the roof will protect the second-floor plaster/lath walls and the wooden staircase from further damage this winter. *HPG photograph*

## THE DEPOT IS WINTERIZED CLEARWATER POWER COMPANY LINE CREW SECURES TARPS OVER LEAKY ROOF

The good deeds and generosity of a few provided the Potlatch, Idaho WI&M depot with a temporary roof on October 16th.

On Friday October 13th, area farmer Gary Morris donated five 45' x 48' hay tarps for the purpose of covering the leaky depot roof. The tarps had covered Gary's hay stacks located west of the depot before being arbitrarily slashed area delinquents and replaced with new tarps.

Armed with six rolls of tarp repair tape, HPG members Don Somers of Princeton, ID, Tom Burg of Merrill, WI, Carl Sonner of Kennewick, WA, and Jim West of Post Falls, ID, unrolled each of the five tarps in the grass west of the Scenic 6 Park depot and used the concrete basketball court to repair every tear and puncture.

Mayor Scott Kammeyer crawled onto the Potlatch depot roof and removed the radio antenna, nailed down the ridge cap so the tarps wouldn't hang up during installation, and then crawled through the attic and removed each vent pipe so the roof vent jacks could be removed. When he finished, only a chimney projected above the roof line on the north end.

On Monday at 8:00AM, the four-man Princeton crew for Clearwater Power arrived at the depot, and studied the huge task they had volunteered to perform. The Potlatch Historical Society's Carol Haddock had pitched the idea to CP foreman Rob Parkhurst two weeks before and his boss in Lewiston, Stan Vannoy, had insisted the work be performed on company time, with a full crew and company