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

"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."

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WI&M #30 tends to #1, who is apparently on the ground just outside Potlatch, in 1958(?). This is the first color photo we've located of #30 in its SI-clone livery. It was provided to the WPQ by new HPG member Robb Lemke, son of former WI&M GM, William "Bill" Lemke.

PCC ABANDONMENT ON HOLD? B.C. INVESTORS CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF KAOLIN CLAY FIELDS BETWEEN BOVILL & HELMER

The Harvard to Bovill portion of the former WI&M may get a reprieve from its recently approved abandonment by an industry that provided revenue during the first decade of Milwaukee ownership. (See article on page 4.)

The following is excerpted from the December 31, 2000 Spokesman-Review:

LEWISTON (AP) — A British Columbia-based mining company is looking to develop and open-pit kaolin clay mine in the Helmer-Bovill area in what could be a huge economic boom for the region.

Alchemy Ventures Ltd. Is test drilling to determine the value of clay deposits on the 10,000 acres it has filed to lease.

Kaolin is used as a filler in products like paper and paint and the making of fine china and the over-the-counter medicine Kaopectate. Clay mined in the Bovill-Deary area since 1993 has been used to make bricks.

Geologist Phillip Nisbet said the deposits rival those in the Georgia kaolin belt, which is the only source of the material in North America. It produces \$2 billion of economic activity each year and employs some 8,000 people.

The article states that a conference will be organized in Lewiston in March to assemble companies interested in operating plants in the Lewiston area should the deposits prove commercially viable.

Scott Nichols, mineral affairs bureau chief