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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."

THE WHITE PINE ROUTE QUARTERLY

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



WI&MRy HPG VP Jack Coyner has good reason to smile. A few months ago his Enhancement grant application for the old Potlatch Lumber Co. office building—now the Potlatch City Hall—was selected to receive \$500,000. His Enhancement grant application for \$471,000 for the HPG's WI&M Potlatch Depot has made the short list. All that green space behind him clear past the elevators is now HPG property. He just turned ? and for his birthday we put him on a speeder and sent him out on the old WI&M main line. Oh, and his Seattle Mariners are doing pretty decent, too! Now aren't you glad this guy is on our side?!!

HPG Secretary Barb Coyner photo

IT'S THE HPG's WI&M DEPOT!

Rosalia, WA—At 2PM on July 23, 2001, Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway History Preservation Group (HPG) President Jim West met with Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad General Manager Paul Fries to sign a contract transferring ownership of the historic WI&M Depot at Potlatch Idaho to the nonprofit HPG for the sum of \$1000. The railroad also donated nearly three acres of property. The transaction was the result of a nineteen month effort by the HPG to acquire the two-story structure. The first commercial building erected in Potlatch, the 95-year old building housed the railroad and company town offices.

The Quit Claim Deed was immediately recorded at Latah County Court House. County commissioners have indicated the HPG will receive property tax exemption.

HPG MAKES \$\$ SHORT LIST!

Boise, ID—The Idaho Transportation Board seeks public comment on the draft FY 2002 - 2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Comments will be accepted through August 3, 2001.

The \$471,000 Enhancement Grant application for the Potlatch Depot project was recommended for approval by the review panel and submitted to the Transportation Board. If public comment favors the depot project over any excluded projects, the board will approve funding in September.

HPG Vice-President Jack Coyner and Design West of Pullman WA submitted the application on February 16. Eligibility for the reimbursement grant funding was contingent upon the HPG gaining ownership of the structure. The deed was secured on July 23, 2001. Enhancement funding would become available October