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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.



The first BENX 182 Stage show in Potlatch on October 13, 2001, was well-attended, despite threatening clouds and a persistent breeze. The car will be given to the HPG by Bennett Lumber Products in exchange for our restoring the Thrall Door's original color scheme. The bluegrass and fiddle audience donated 10% of the estimated \$2,500 needed to sandblast and paint the car. Barb Coyner photo

HPG IS ORCHID AWARD WINNER

Potlatch, ID—WI&M Ry HPG President Jim West was presented an Orchid Award in recognition of the HPG's work to preserve the historic Potlatch WI&M depot. Accepting the award for the HPG was VP Jack Coyner, who also received an Orchid Award for his work in preserving the Potlatch City Hall, which was the Potlatch Lumber Company offices built in 1913. The awards were presented by Karen Owsley of the Latah County Historic Preservation Commission (LCHPC) at the Potlatch City Council meeting on Sept. 10.

A few weeks later, a \$980 Latah County check made out to the HPG for "The Potlatch Depot" arrived in the mail. Latah County Commissioner Paul Kimmel attended the BENX 182 show on October 13th and confirmed the check was issued to the HPG at the request of the LCHPC.

ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPROVED

Boise, ID—The Idaho Transportation Board (ITD) approved the Enhancement Grant application for the Potlatch Depot project by the Transportation Board. The final hurdle, described as a "mere formality" in previous years, is approval of the complete list of Idaho's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for funding through the current Highway Act (Federal Transportation Enhancement Activities for the 21st Century or TEA-21).

The current Highway Act funding expires with Fiscal Year 2003 monies. Our \$471,000 Enhancement Grant will come from FY2004 monies which have yet to be allocated through a new Highway Act.

Enhancement funding is a Federal-aid program that provides payments through reimbursement of qualified expenses. ITD in Lewiston will administer the funds.