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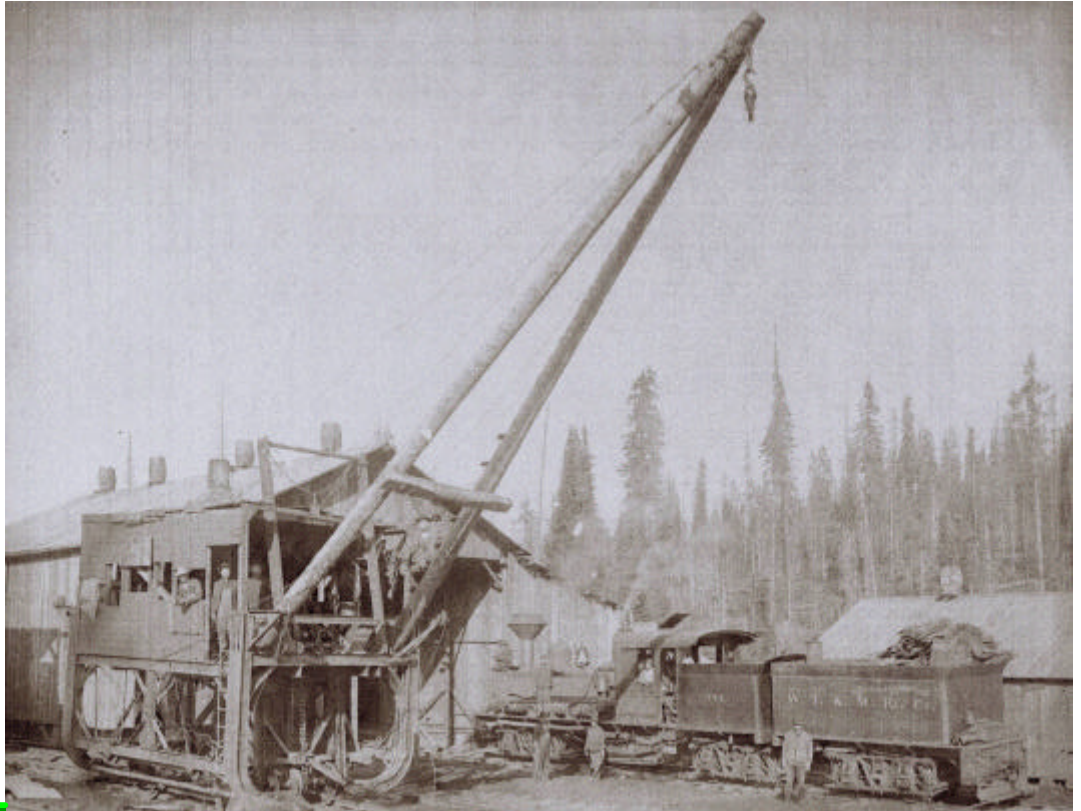
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Mission Statement of the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway History Preservation Group:

"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

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A McGiffert loader poses with Shay #102 in front of the Camp 8 engine house. Look carefully and notice the WI&M Ry. lettering on the tender of the 102, which dates the photo to sometime before 1909. Also notice the water barrels along the ridgeline of the engine house roof; an early form of fire protection.

Photo Courtesy Elk River History Museum

The Potlatch Shops at Camp 8

Logging was hard work; it was hard enough on the men, but it was even harder on their equipment. As the Potlatch Lumber Co. began amassing a large collection of steam powered loaders, skidders and locomotives, servicing these machines became increasingly important to keep the logs moving to the mills. For this reason, the lumber company built a large maintenance complex a few miles north of Bovill, on the Potlatch River, at a site called Camp 8.

When the lumber company first established Camp 8 in 1905, it was just another logging camp. To maximize timber production, Potlatch operated multiple logging camps simultaneously at various locations throughout their timberlands. Each camp had its own equipment and facilities, and crews stayed in the camp for the duration of the harvest at that site. When the supply of useable trees petered out at each camp, the crews would move to a new location in the forest and set up a new