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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."

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*This January 1977 view of a short WI&M train behind Milwaukee Road GP-9 287, shows all the classic railroad elements of Deary still in place. Caboose X-1, now on blocks, serves as a replacement for the original depot, but the privy and section house remain. Two 100-ton grain hoppers sit on the elevator spur, awaiting pickup by a later train.*  
Carl Sonner Photo

## Deary - In the Middle of it All

Among the several North Idaho communities established with the building of the Washington, Idaho & Montana Ry., Deary almost seems to stand out in the crowd. It would be the largest town on the WI&M, if it weren't for Potlatch. It would be the only town on the WI&M named for a person, if it weren't for Helmer and Bovill. One way or another, Deary never quite seems to come out on top.

But, here's one area where Deary does make a name for itself. It is home to a very large concentration of WI&M relics—probably more single items than even Pot-

latch with its two depots.

Unlike most locations along the WI&M, the region around Deary was already developing before the coming of the railroad. Several homesteads had been established in the late 1800's, and after clearing the land, these settlers now had several hundred acres under cultivation.

Of course, there were countless acres still covered with forest, of which William Deary snatched up the lion's share during a 1901-2 buying spree for his employer, Northland Pine. Within two years, Northland and its competitor, Wisconsin Log