

## 2015 FRRS Paint Equipment Budget Request

Director Tom Carter 2/6/15

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the museum with Steve Lee and Henry Krenning, formerly of the UP Steam Department to discuss learning to paint museum equipment. Henry was the chief painter in the Cheyenne Steam Shop and with the assistance of Steve and Lynn Nystrom, painted both the 844 and 3985 steam locomotives on more than one occasion, the 6936 Centennial, the E9's and the SW-10 shop switcher, UPP 96. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to learn this craft from some of the best in the business. Henry, Steve and I went over every inch of WP 1503 inside and out and they patiently explained all of the preparation, masking, equipment necessary and techniques involved, as well as answering the many questions I had. While I was a little apprehensive at first, painting something larger than an old Army Jeep, I left the museum with 100% confidence in my future abilities to paint and letter museum equipment now and into the future.

In the past, we have paid as much as \$7,000.00 PER PIECE for contract painters to come in and paint our locomotives and rolling stock. While here, Henry, Steve and I inventoried our equipment and paint and found all but two flammable cabinets and a pneumatic orbital sander I donated years ago, inadequate for our needs. We will need to spend a moderate amount of money in startup equipment to get us ready to paint. This year, we have the budget in hand to paint WP 1503, and that will be our first piece, with Henry coming back out to Portola to walk me through my first paint job in person. Following that, later this year, will be CCT Caboose #24, of which we have nearly enough money raised to paint it following stripping, new windows, window sills and wood end sills.

The following spreadsheet is a breakdown of necessary equipment to get us started. While this probably seems like a significant sum of money, it is less than half of what painters have charged us in the past for labor alone and we keep the equipment. Please bear in mind that this equipment is a onetime requisition amount, however, consumables like Tyvek disposable suits, disposable gloves, masking supplies, vinyl, and paint itself are not included in this request, as they are disposable consumables that will need to be purchased per project. Again, we have the money on hand to get 1503 painted this Spring.

**Budget Request for Paint Equipment not to exceed \$3,500.00.** Actual costs are projected to be approximately \$2600.00, however, I am requesting a flat \$3500.00 to cover unforeseen price fluctuations and accessories.

Please see attached equipment breakdown on separate spreadsheet enclosed.

Thank you to Steve Lee, Henry Krenning, Rod McClure, Gail McClure and Eugene Vicknair for their assistance with this proposal and project.