

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

## **General Superintendent's Report**

Kerry Cochran Date: May 9, 2021

As it stands right now, the Board of Directors has taken the steps to keep the museum closed until at least July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. This will be reviewed on a monthly bases to see how conditions change. Please keep your eye on the FRRS website for more information as it becomes available.

I fully expect the FRRS Board of Directors at our May board meeting to be able to take some action on reopening the museum as we planned.

A reopening committee was put into place at the April board meeting and we have exchanged several comments, ideas and plans to reopen the museum.

As we progress, we all need to take into consideration what may be next in the realm of the COVID-19 virus and how it affects our members and the public.

Several of the members and personnel have received their vaccinations to help prevent the spread of this virus.

While I cannot speak for all the members, several of us are of the same opinion that most of us will not return to full-scale operation until we all can be assured that we are safe at the museum.

I know things are very hard for some of the limited staff who spend time at the museum working on cleaning projects, keeping the museum in shape so that we have a museum to open again when the time comes. As we progress into the year, the staff of the museum is looking forward to getting more members involved.

While making a trip to the museum on April 28<sup>th</sup>, I was able to see firsthand all the work that needs to get done prior to us opening the museum. I would ask that if any member has been vaccinated, to consider coming to the museum to help us get it cleaned up and ready to open.

Anyone who expects to help us, please contact Greg Elems or Steve Habeck and let them know you are going to be coming to help, they will need to know you are going to be there to help.

For those that wish to come to the museum to get ready to open the museum as planned on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021:

Any and all volunteers or members should be very aware that the FRRS/WPRM has limited resources during these times and we need to know who, if any, members will be visiting the museum for any reason. It is very important to make sure someone will be available at the museum and that it is in fact staffed so that you will not be disappointed should you arrive and find the gates locked.

We must keep the museum locked down, as we have had several people just show up expecting to get into the museum while we are closed.

Please contact our president, Greg Elems, should you wish to give a hand during this time that the museum is closed.

I would like to thank all the limited volunteers that have been keeping the museum in shape over the last 14 to 18 months. This has been a very challenging time for us and their work should not go unnoticed.

At any time should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, I may not have an answer right away, however I will get one for you.

Kerry Cochran
Director/General Superintendent