

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: New Business Item 2
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EXTENDING OPERATING SEASON STARTING in 2022

Our regular operating season has been confined to the weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day for decades. This used to be the high season with summer vacation and a majority of family travel occurring during those times.

In recent years, however, school schedules have been changing and summer vacation is no longer as cut and dried. In addition, we have the impending draw of an operating steam locomotive.

I would like to suggest that a discussion be held with the Operating and Steam Departments, and other relevant volunteers, as to whether we should look at expanding our operating season. This could draw more visitors to the museum and provide more operating opportunities for the crews.

For 2022, our usual schedule would have our operating season start May 28 and end September 5. Perhaps we could look at starting operations May 14 and ending September 25. This would add 5 additional weekends to the season.

Obviously COVID could impact our opening next year, but I thought we should begin the discussion now and perhaps have some thoughts for the October meeting.

REQUESTED ACTION: Discuss options and ideas with Operating and Steam Departments