Preserving "The Feather River Route"

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New Arrival! The "Santa Fe Boys," (Vintage Railway Equipment) purchased this old wooden caboose from Oregon Northwestern Railroad in Burns, Oregon at the same time we purchased our two Baldwin AS-616s. On July 8, 1991, this beautiful old crummy was loaded on a trailer and trucked to Portola. Cazazza Trucking Co. of Reno laid rails on their low bed trailer and were very cooperative in helping with the move. At Portola, the trailer was spotted at the east end of the yard lead, the rails connected to the trailer, and with the assistance of our GE 80 ton loco, the caboose was pulled from the trailer and onto the museum rails.

ONW 300 was built as N&W 518121 in September 1915 and sold to ONW about 1945. It is in good condition and will remain as an exhibit of a "working" caboose. It will not be used in our passenger service. A long-term lease agreement between Vintage Railway and FRRS covers this caboose as well as the two Santa Fe cabooses already at the museum. Photo by Wayne Monger.

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