

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: September, 2015

ITEM: Director Report

FROM: Greg Elems

SUBJECT: **Graffiti**

August 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting the subject of graffiti on the steam crew box cars was brought up. I volunteered to tackle that problem. With the help of Ethan Doty and David Elems we have about 80% of the graffiti covered on the north side that can be seen from the highway/UP mainline.

It was suggested by a carman that WD40 might remove the graffiti. That might work if done soon enough but waiting for the sheriff and special agent allowed it to cure enough the WD40 didn't work.

I decided to do a quick spray of yellow on the lettering and reporting marks, mask them and paint brown primer over the graffiti would be the quickest and easiest way to take care of the tagging.

We have 80-85% of the graffiti covered as of today, September 7, 2015 on the north side. We ran out of the brown primer. Ace will get some more in later this week or next. I figure one or two cans maybe needed to finish the north side. The graffiti on the south side of the box cars is harder to work on and harder to be seen by the public. I will tackle that next spring. In the mean time a guest suggested we use paint thinner on a rag and try to wipe the graffiti off. They used that on light poles with success. I will try the thinner method on the south side of the cars while we still have warm weather.

Photos:



