

TO: FRRS Board of Directors

FROM: J. Chris Allan, Chair, Collections Management Committee

RE: Disposition of Union Pacific locomotive 849

February 13, 2016

The Committee was asked by the FRRS Board to advise them as to what should be done with the recently re-acquired Union Pacific locomotive 849. With the exception of one committee member, the consensus was for **DISPOSAL**. The majority of the committee feels this artifact should be sold and the funds used for restoration of other more relevant pieces.

Dissenting was Mike Mucklin who favored placing the 849 in the Utility RAL collection. A portion of his correspondence follows:

*"To me, this is important because the RAL program at WPRM is what I believe to be the first program of its kind, thus it should be the best. With the GP30 added to the fleet, you can have your choice of virtually any type of vintage diesel to run.*

*Furthermore, I think a GP30 has merits of its own, especially a UP unit, which provides a tangible link to a currently existing railroad. Even better, it's the one right on the other side of the fence, which is relevant to consumers. I don't believe there is anywhere else in the country you can run a GP30, making it very marketable and unique. The GP30 has a certain mystique with fans, especially baby boomers, making it very promotable to that consumer base. It also brings something new to the table for people who may have already done the RAL program in the past. Adding it to the fleet is newsworthy and gives the WPRM a new angle for self-promotion. In other words, it's press-worthy."*

The Committee as a whole is committed to achieving a focused and sustainable collection which reflects the FRRS mission to interpret the history of the Western Pacific Railroad.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Chris Allan, Chair

Collections Management Committee