



# FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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Dear FRRS member,

We have *BIG* news to share—literally!

In the spring of 2026, the **Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014**, the *world's largest operating steam locomotive*, will be visiting the **Western Pacific Railroad Museum**. This once-in-a-lifetime event will draw visitors from across the country to Portola, and we're preparing to roll out the red carpet for this legendary locomotive, our friends at Union Pacific, and the legion of fans eager to experience history in motion.

But to make this celebration truly unforgettable, we need your help.

We are working on several key restoration and facility projects that will showcase the very best of our museum and the legacy of the Western Pacific:

- **Western Pacific GP7 707** and **FP7 805-A** are both in line for major mechanical repairs, totaling over **\$32,000**. With your support, these locomotives will once again come to life—roaring, shining, and ready to inspire future generations.
- **Southern Pacific GP9 2873** is being repainted and getting major body repairs, returning it to full operation as part of our living history collection.
- Thanks to a generous grant from the **Union Pacific Foundation**, we're improving visitor access to the **Union Pacific "Centennial" 6946**. With additional donations, we hope to complete interior and exterior cab restoration work and unveil these improvements in time for the Big Boy's visit.

Every dollar you give directly powers these efforts. Your support doesn't just restore steel and paint—it fuels experiences, memories, and inspiration. You're helping us preserve the story of the Western Pacific and the people who kept it running.

This is your opportunity to be part of something extraordinary. When Big Boy 4014 steams into the WPRM next year, you'll know you helped make that moment possible.

Please take a moment today to make your **tax-deductible donation** using the enclosed form or by visiting **donate.WPLives.org**.

Together, let's keep the spirit of the Western Pacific alive—and make 2026 a year to remember!

Wishing you all the best,

Eugene Veknair  
Director and Funding Department

Greg Elms  
President

As a 501(c)3 non-profit supported primarily by the donations of its visitors and members, we depend on your contributions to continue our preservation, research and restoration programs. Donations may be tax deductible, please ask you tax professional.

Keep an eye on the WPRM Facebook page, check the Society email news blasts and watch the Train Sheet for news about the upcoming Big Boy visit!



Please fill out the donation form below. Your donation may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional. FRRS Tax ID Number: 68-0002774. For questions, comments or information, please contact: **Eugene Vicknair** • ph: 530.832.4131 • email: [funding@wplives.org](mailto:funding@wplives.org)

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