

NORTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM

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SAVE OUR RAILS BENEFIT DINNER TO RAISE \$25,000 TO AID FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR NORTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM

SNOQUALMIE, WASH – March 31, 2009 – People from throughout the Pacific Northwest will gather on April 30 for Save Our Rails, a benefit dinner for the Northwest Railway Museum. The goal is to raise \$25,000 to complete needed repairs to tracks damaged during flooding in Snoqualmie earlier this year.

The dinner will be hosted at Woodman Lodge, Snoqualmie's historic steakhouse and saloon, located next door to the Museum's iconic Snoqualmie Depot. Tickets are \$85 person/\$150 couple, and include a fun three-mile train excursion through the valley and past beautiful Snoqualmie Falls.

"The Museum sustained over \$100,000 in damages to the tracks during the devastating flooding earlier this year," said Richard Anderson, executive director of the Northwest Railway Museum. "We've raised nearly 75 percent of the funds already, and repairs are underway. Save Our Rails will provide needed funding to complete our recovery efforts."

Save Our Rails guests will choose from four different delicious entrees, and then enjoy their picturesque train excursion after dinner. The train will depart from the Snoqualmie Depot next door, where guests can enjoy a glass of wine and silent auction before their trip.

“We’re delighted to host Save Our Rails, because the Northwest Railway Museum is an important cultural attraction here in Snoqualmie,” said Peter LaHaye, owner of Woodman Lodge. “It’s great to see the community come together to support the Museum’s on-going educational mission.”

Dinner reservations for Save Our Rails are available from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, contact Woodman Lodge at 425-888-4441 or via email at tickets@woodmanlodge.com.

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About the Northwest Railway Museum

Founded in 1957, the Northwest Railway Museum is the largest railway museum in Washington State and welcomes over 88,000 visitors each year. The museum operates an interpretive railway program offering antique train excursions through the Upper Snoqualmie Valley. The museum’s collection of railway artifacts and equipment is one of the most significant in the United States and includes over 70 examples of steam locomotives, passenger and freight cars, and specialized railway equipment. The Northwest Railway Museum is located in the Snoqualmie Depot, recognized as the oldest continuously operated train station in Washington State. For more information on train schedules, special events and the new Railway History Center, visit their website at trainmuseum.org or call 425-888-3030.

About Woodman Lodge

Woodman Lodge Steakhouse & Saloon offers an authentic, historic and delicious dining experience. Designated as a King County historical landmark, over 200 craftsmen, designers and historians contributed to the renovation of the building. The menu features signature steaks, ribs, chops and a number of other offerings, including pasta and seafood. Woodman Lodge is located at 38601 S.E. King Street in Snoqualmie – only 30 minutes from Seattle via I-90 - and serves dinner Monday-Saturday from 5–10 p.m., and from 4-10 p.m. on Sunday. For more information on Woodman Lodge call 425-888-4441 or visit their website at woodmanlodge.com.

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