



2601 SR 509 North Frontage Road
Tacoma, Washington 98421

MOUNTAIN DIVISION: Operated for the City of Tacoma

January 28, 2013

Mr. Mark S. Daniels
Federal Railroad Administration, Region 8
500 East Broadway, Suite 240
Vancouver, WA 98660

Re: Assignment of inspection and maintenance responsibility to Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad

Dear Mr. Daniels:

As required by 49CFR§213.5(c) and 49CFR§237.3(b), the City of Tacoma, as the track owner, intends this letter as notification to the Federal Railroad Administration of our intent to assign track, bridge, and grade crossing signal system inspection and maintenance responsibilities to Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad effective March 1, 2013. The segment of track specific to this notice is situated between TRMW milepost 32.0M (Eatonville) and the terminus of the line at MP65.59M in Morton, Washington.

The City of Tacoma Public Works Division is the owner of the track and Tacoma Rail is responsible for the railroad operations of the Mountain Division (TRMW) on their behalf. Recently, the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division entered into a Lease Agreement with Western Forest Industries Museum, dba Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad, to operate a seasonal passenger excursion railroad within the segment of track described above. Additionally, Tacoma Rail understands that Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad has familiarity with the various responsibilities associated with seasonal passenger excursion railroad operations.

A member of the Board of Directors for Western Forest Industries Museum signed the aforementioned Lease Agreement with the City of Tacoma. Contact information for Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad (MRSR) is:

Mr. Brian Wise, General Manager
Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad
349 Mineral Creek Road
P.O. Box 250
Mineral, WA 98355

Please feel free to contact me at (253) 377-3554 if you have any questions or concerns relative to this notice.

Sincerely,



Kyle Kellem
Roadmaster

Cc: Brian Wise, Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad
Dale King, Tacoma Rail Superintendent
Richard McKinley, Tacoma Public Works Director
James Adams, Federal Railroad Administration, Region 8
Kathy Hunter, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission