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The Western Group is Expanding Rail Transportation Outreach to Washington State

The Western Group (TWG) of Ogden, Utah, a railroad industry consortium, is proud to announce that it has been chosen by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Spokane County as the preferred bidder as part of WSDOT's Request for Proposal process for operation of the rail lines between Cheney, WA and Coulee City, WA. TWG is excited to be working with WSDOT, Spokane County, and other regional stakeholders to finalize agreements and add the Washington Eastern Railroad (WERR) to its assembly of shortline railroads and rail-related entities serving businesses throughout the western and Midwestern United States.

With extensive experience in shortline freight railroading, as well as railroad construction and maintenance, TWG can influence maximum value for the communities of the region and the State of Washington. Utilizing this experience and qualifications will enhance Washington's investment in this rail line. TWG has a proven track record of finding innovative solutions to improve cast-off branch lines so that they become sustainable, productive transportation providers for rural communities.

When goods are delivered by rail, roadways are less congested and less impacted. Industrial services and businesses developed along rail lines put down roots and contribute to community infrastructures, which in turn encourages further growth.

Under the direction of Chief Operating Officer, Bruce Carswell, preserving and growing rural rail service in Spokane County is the top priority. "We appreciate the confidence WSDOT and Spokane County have shown in choosing TWG and we will strive to bring success to the CW Branch and the Geiger Spur," said Carswell.

Affiliates comprising the Western Group include Western Railroad Builders, Inc.; Wyoming Colorado Railroad, Inc. (Oregon Eastern Branch); Clarkdale Arizona Central Railroad, LC; Verde Canyon Railroad, LC; Southwestern Railroad, Inc.; Texas & Eastern Railroad, LC, Texas State Railroad and Cimarron Valley Railroad, LC.

The Western Group consortium continues to expand by developing each segment of its present business, improving sales and profitability of each company, and investing in fresh business opportunities and strategic acquisitions.