

NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



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Monthly Operations Report for March 2021

1. COVID-19 – Our 2021 schedule is posted on our website. We are following State guidelines, we are planning on 50% capacity until the State allows us to raise it.
2. Locomotive Status – No change
 - a. Locomotives in service: #93, #105, #109, #204, #310, Wrecking Crane A & Rotary B.
 - b. Locomotive 40 is out of service for her heavy repairs and will be out of service until 2023.
 - c. Locomotives out of service needing moderate repairs: #45
 - d. Locomotives waiting funding for restoration: Steptoe Valley Smelting and Mining #309, Kennecott 801 and Rotary Snowplow B (for boiler overhaul.)
 - e. Locomotives out of service needing heavy repairs #802, #80 and the military locomotives.
3. Rolling Stock Status – No change
 - a. Passenger equipment in service: #07, #08, #09, Flatcar #23, Coach #5, Baggage Car/RPO #20, Outfit Car #06.
 - b. Passenger equipment out of service: #10, #2 and #05 needing heavy repairs.
 - c. Caboose in service: #3, #6 and #22 are operational.
 - d. Caboose out service: #5
4. Track Status – No change
 - a. Keystone Branch is open
 - b. Adverse Branch is open.
5. Ridership and Ticket Sales – Updated
 - a. In March we carried 221 passengers. This is an increase of 12% over 2020 and an increase of 47% over 2019.
 - b. Year to date we have carried 634 passengers. This is an increase of 18% over 2020 and an increase of 21% over 2019.
 - c. Since operations began in 1987, we have carried 312,834 passengers.
6. Social Media: Our reach on social media continues to expand. We have 109,866 people who like our Facebook page. We are aggressively posting and doing home grown videos.

Award Winning Destination

Best Tour in Rural Nevada – 2017

Nevada State Treasure – 2013 & 2012

Best Adrenalin Rush in Rural Nevada - 2020

Best Preservation Effort in the West • Attraction of the Year – 2012

Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014

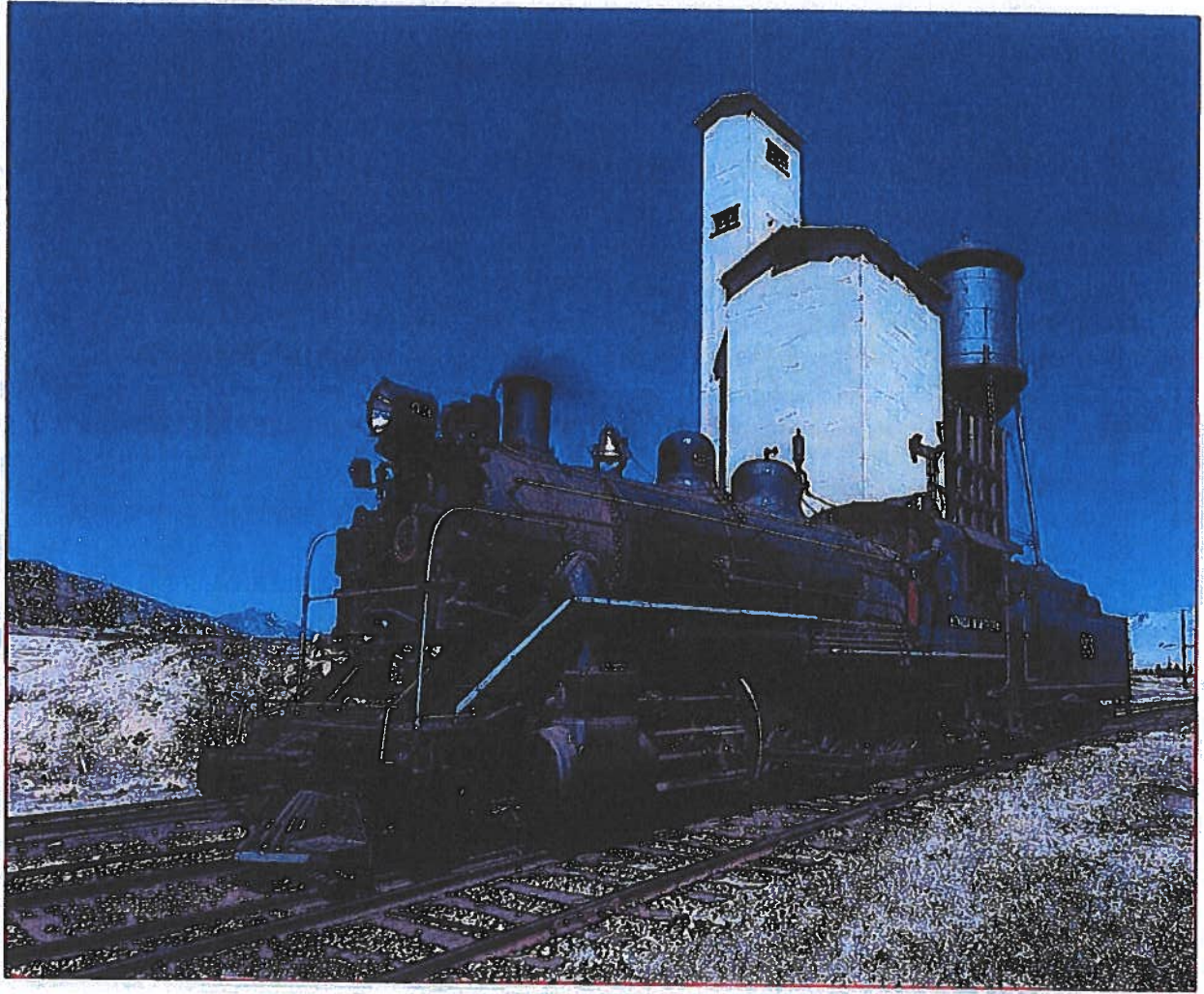
Best Museum in Rural Nevada – 2020, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008

Best Event in Rural Nevada – The Polar Express – 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013

Best Place to Take the Kids in Rural Nevada 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007

7. Equipment Update:

Locomotive 93 went through her preseason check and passed with flying colors. During the inspection we found out that her whistle is worn out. While we make repairs to her whistle, in its place we put the whistle from the Rotary Snowplow on her. She sounds a lot different now. The last time that whistle was heard was in 1964.





WHITE PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2021 – MARCH 2021

INCIDENTS - 2254

TRAFFIC STOPS - 396

CITATIONS - 81

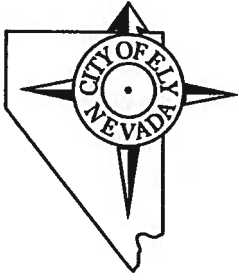
FELONY ARRESTS - 19

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS - 38

NEW BOOKINGS - 73

TOTAL DAYS SERVED IN JAIL – 290

Numbers reflect enforcement and/or calls for service within the city limits of Ely



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April 8, 2021

SNPLMA Executive Committee Chair
BLM Southern Nevada District Office
4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Chairperson,

The City of Ely is writing in support of the Nevada Northern Railway Phase III, Ely railroad right-of-way (East Ely to McGill Depots) in White Pine County, NV project. The project was considered in Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act Round 18, Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas grant funding cycle. The project was recommended for secondary funding. The Ely City Council is asking the SNPLMA Executive Committee to move the project to the Recommended PRIMARY Funding List.

Approval of this project will open the Nevada Northern Railway National Historic Landmark railroad tracks to the McGill Depot. Approving this project will be a major economic benefit to Ely, McGill, White Pine County and the Nevada Northern Railway Museum. Opening the railroad to the McGill Depot will give the railroad's passengers a destination. It will also bring tourists to McGill to help support the businesses in the community. This will create jobs in both communities as well as business opportunities.

Joining rural communities with a historic railroad is a proven economic development tool that has been proven successful in Colorado and New Mexico. This proven economic model will have the same economic impact here. That is why the City of Ely is requesting that the funding for this project be moved to the Recommended PRIMARY Funding List. The City of Ely is the co-owner of the total railroad with the Foundation. We have made a thirty-six-year commitment to the project.

The McGill Depot's restoration is almost complete. This grant will pay for finishing the depot, build an outdoor exhibit area, a turntable and provide electric railbikes for visitors. The opening of the railroad to McGill will open large swatches of BLM land to the public for their recreational enjoyment. The Ely City Council urges the SNPLMA Executive Committee to move the Nevada Northern Railway Phase III, Ely railroad right-of-way (East Ely to McGill Depots) in White Pine County, NV from the secondary funding list to the Recommended PRIMARY Funding List.

Sincerely,

Michelle Beecher
Mayor Tempore