

To: Board of Directors, Feather River Rail Society

RE: Plymouth Gasoline Locomotive

From: Chris Allan, FRRS Collections Management Committee

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An offer has been put forth by Brett Tallman of Alturas to purchase the Plymouth 4-wheel locomotive donated by Norman Holmes in exchange for the following:

- Four thousand dollars (\$4000.00) cash.
- A 4-wheel Whitcomb locomotive of similar size for display by the City of Portola along Highway 70.

I have spoken with the Portola City Manager and explained that the Whitcomb available for trade was to be delivered to the City, free of charge, at a location of their choosing. He was quite enthusiastic toward this idea.

Brett is an Army veteran, who served in the Grenada invasion. He is active in a World War Two recreation group, and would like to restore the Plymouth to full operation in its as-built appearance as an Army Transportation Corps. locomotive. The locomotive would be displayed at various re-creation events on the West Coast.

I also spoke with Norm Holmes. He would like to see the locomotive operational again, as opposed to “just a billboard by the side of Highway 70”. Brett has offered to bring it back to the Museum for a weekend or two once it is fully restored.

Brett will not be able to truck the Whitcomb to Portola and pick up the Plymouth until February 2017 at the earliest. He has offered to place a 50% deposit down as a good faith gesture if the deal is approved. This should give us ample time to build a track panel in town for display.

Members of the CMC were polled and were in unanimous agreement to go ahead with this action.

I humbly request that the Board accept Brett’s offer so that we can move forward with this deal.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Chris Allan, Chair

FRRS Collection Management Committee