

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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October Track Report

Cold temps have settled into Portola now. Track work has slowed down to once a week with interruptions due to aches and pains and or travel. Not much to report since the last board meeting but work on tamping has continued. One more switch frog will probably get tamped before the end of work season. About 50-70 feet of track has been tamped where low and or soft spots were identified.

At this time, a plan on tie replacement on two switches on the west side of the shop has been decided upon. Next spring when the weather allows and the ground isn't a muddy mess we will replace one frog and approximately a dozen ties. Once that is done tie replacement will continue on the balloon track and work our way to Milward Switch. Some ties will also be laid out for the display track as we sort through them. Tamping will continue out on the balloon as time allows, i.e. RAL's not running.

Over all I feel we had a good season of track work even after getting the balloon open for regular operations.

This last month a core group of Loren Ross and Ethan Doty have stepped up to the plate in the track work. Bil Jackson has been a help also but his efforts have been directed to the mechanical end of things of late. A big THANK YOU goes out to them for all their help.