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Reading & Northern Trains Returning to Jim Thorpe

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 24, 2020 – Port Clinton, PA - ALL ABOARD!!!!!! Reading & Northern is bringing passenger trains back to Jim Thorpe starting August 14 2020!

After a tough Winter and Spring, Reading & Northern Railroad is happy to bring back memories of days past. Our train trips have always been about memories; reminding returning passenger riders of the glories of riding the rails and making new memories for people riding for the first time. Our guests travel in restored passenger cars that hearken back to a different century complete with narration of the glorious history of the region and Jim Thorpe. And our guests get to enjoy the shops and restaurants of beautiful Jim Thorpe.

Given the COVID-19 virus RBMN is proceeding with certain precautions to make our guests feel more comfortable. We will be offering extra cars to allow empty seats and we welcome all of our guests to wear masks. Our Open Air cars will be on the train offering guests open air seating.

In making this announcement Andy Muller, owner/CEO, said. "From our beginning in the railroad business in 1983 as the Blue Mountain & Reading, we have always been committed to our passenger service. That commitment is no less strong today than it was 37 years ago. Over the past year we have refurbished our equipment and worked on restoring a second steam locomotive. We are now ready to resume passenger service to and from Jim Thorpe. We have always worked well with the merchants in Jim Thorpe and we are pleased to do our part to help Jim Thorpe, Carbon County and the region bounce back from the impact of the virus on our communities. We believe now is the right time to bring the joy of passenger railroading back to northeast Pennsylvania. We will begin advertising and letting people know Jim Thorpe is open for business."

Reading & Northern will be operating its Lehigh Gorge train on a schedule that will be published on Wednesday, July 29. Tickets will go on sale starting that date for upcoming trips. Please call the passenger department at 570-325-8485 between 8:30am and 5:00pm for more information. You can also follow the railroad by going to www.lgsry.com or "Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway" on Facebook."

Reading & Northern Railroad, with its corporate headquarters in Port Clinton, is a privately held railroad company serving over 70 customers in nine eastern Pennsylvania counties (Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northumberland, Schuylkill, and Wyoming). It has expanded its operations over the last 30+ years and now handles over 34,000 carloads of freight and 140,000 excursion train riders over 400 miles of track. Reading and Northern operates both freight services and steam and diesel-powered excursion passenger services, owns almost 1,300 freight cars, and employs nearly 300 dedicated employees. Reading & Northern has repeatedly been honored as one of the premier railroads in the nation including being named Regional Railroad of the Year in 2020 by Railway Age Magazine.