

SURVEY RESULTS

THE MEMBERS HAVE SPOKEN!

The Projects Sub-Committee thanks you for your response to the Questionnaire. We received 60 replies and while some had to be re-worded, every effort was made to include all of them into the format below. Frequently, the Friend's traditional preservation/restoration mission, the responsibilities of the Commission, the Railroad, the Operator and the owners (States of CO and NM,) were blurred or misunderstood altogether. Therefore, comments were grouped into two main categories, the Friend's and all the others. Most all have ridden the train and about half have been to at least one Work Session. HOWEVER, THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULT WAS FOR YOU TO STATE YOUR CONCERNS AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS.

TRADITIONAL FRIEND'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION / RESTORATION PROJECTS:

restore/use historic coal tipple 10
visitors centers and/or museums at both sites 12
continue restoration of historic equipment & structures 13 enhance Antonito as a work site 8
restore/spruce up depots at Chama & Antonito & yards 4
more restoration at other sites (Osier, Big Horn etc.) 3 restore telegraphphone booths and wires 5
build CRF's at both Chama and Antonito 5
save/restore 4 converted box cars for museum 2
critical of management or management structure 5
restore RPO cars 3
master plan 3

PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY THE COMMISSION OR THE OPERATORS RESPONSIBILITIES;

keep railroad running 20 repair locomotives 19 create authentic freight & passenger trains 16 maintain/improve track work 14
increase ridership (to increase income) 11
debt free future endowments and other methods 9 use Antonito for winter storage of rolling stock 8 duplicate trains of the `40s and 50's 3
improve rider numbers 5 (includes more trains) make some locomotives oil fired 3 diesel weekdays and during fire danger, steam weekends 4 TV documentary link to tourism web sites (more publicity) 5 add 3rd rail at Antonito to depart from historic depot 5
restore 3rd rail to Alamosa 3
stabilize non-operating engines 3
B&B available at Section Houses 3

SINGLE/DUAL COMMENTS ON A PARTICULAR SUBJECT

strengthen Lobato bridge for two locomotives 1
pay restoration staff 1

