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Reading & Northern announces new Santa Train schedule

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 18, 2019, Port Clinton, PA - Reading & Northern is pleased to announce a schedule for a series of new Santa Train experiences in communities across our railroad.

After terminating our relationship with the Borough of Jim Thorpe due to the lack of support from Borough management, we have been overwhelmed by the support from people throughout the region, including residents and merchants in Jim Thorpe. We want to thank all of them for their support and good wishes.

Although many communities asked us to consider running trains from their towns, we decided to focus our 2019 Christmas trains on those communities that had existing facilities. As we move forward with our 2020 plans we will be reaching out to many communities to see how we can bring the joy of railroading to as many people as possible.

According to our owner/CEO Andy Muller, Jr, "The goal of our passenger program was always about bringing joy and happiness to the communities, the riders, our employees and our company. People don't realize how expensive it is to maintain and replace engines and passenger coaches. When we look at all of the costs of running our passenger operation we understand that we are not in the business to make money; we do it because it's a labor of love. If we can't have fun doing it, we have decided not to do it. We are grateful for the outpouring of support we have received this week and it has made us realize that there are communities and people who love the railroad as much as we do. Our Santa Train schedule for 2019 is an effort to bring joy to as many families as possible this year while making sure our loyal employees also have a great holiday season."

Our schedule is as follows:

November 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, and 24 - Reading Outer Station.

November 30 and December 1 - Minersville Station.

December 7 and 8 – Schuylkill Haven Station.

December 14 and 15 – Tunkhannock.

December 21 and 22 - Pottsville Union Station.

Trains depart all locations at 10:30am, 1:00pm, and 3:30pm for a 70 to 80 minute round-trip.

All Santa Claus Special Train rides are \$15 per adult, \$9 per child ages 3 to 12, children 2 and under receive a free ticket. Everyone will enjoy listening to holiday music inside festively decorated heated coaches. Each guest will receive a free piece of candy and a special visit from Santa Claus.

Please call the Reading and Northern Passenger Office at 610-562-2102 with any questions or to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets will also be sold on a first-come, first-served basis day of trips.