



RAILMARK ACQUIRES YREKA WESTERN RAILROAD CO. NEWS RELEASE – (Madisonville, KY) – December 30, 2016

Railmark Holdings, Inc. announced today that it has acquired the famed **Yreka Western Railroad Company (YW, AAR #873)**, a Common Carrier Class III (Shortline) railroad serving the Siskiyou County California communities of Yreka and Montague. The **YW** originally built and has been operating the rail line since 1889 and has remained an independent rail carrier ever since. The **YW** interchanges with the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad (CORP) in Montague CA and is conveniently located just off of U.S. Interstate 5 in Northern California. In addition to offering direct rail services to the industrial customers located on the line, Railmark will immediately offer full service rail logistics (transloading), intermodal, railcar mechanical services and track construction & maintenance services to the area's industries not located on the line or served by rail. Under Railmark's ownership the railroad will aggressively offer industrial development services and currently has prospective businesses evaluating location to its new rail line in Siskiyou County. The railroad's freight traffic is primarily wood chips, forest products, propane and a variety of transload commodities. The railroad's new website is www.rail-road.com.

Railmark President & CEO B. Allen Brown commented, "Since 1889 the Yreka Western Railroad's mission was to serve as an economic catalyst for the communities of Yreka and Montague and the need to refocus on this mission remains true today. Railmark is looking forward to transforming the Yreka Western Railroad into a modern and important driver for the area's economy and using this acquisition to expand Railmark's footprint to the Pacific Northwest market".

About Our Company

RAILMARK® provides unique, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly products and services to the railroad industry, industrial rail transportation users and governments, that reflects "**A NEW TRAIN OF THOUGHT.....®**". Its principal subsidiaries are Railmark Track Works Inc., Rail Freight Solutions Inc., Railmark Rail Services Inc., Railmark Canada Limited and the Yreka Western Railroad Transportation Company. For more information, visit www.railmark.com.

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