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Railtown 1897 Offers Behind-the-Scenes Peek at Work Underway During Special “Roundhouse Day”

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – Before the historic locomotives start rolling along for a new season of train rides this spring, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) is offering a special “behind-the-scenes” view of important maintenance, cleaning and preparatory work underway inside and outside the Roundhouse and Shops on Saturday, February 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As part of this special event that showcases the inner workings of what keeps the historic locomotives and cars in operation at the Park, visitors will have the opportunity to watch the annual maintenance and cleaning of the Hetch Hetchy motor car and the Angels Camp “shorty” car No. 6. Railtown 1897 SHP guests can also see the historic belt-driven machine shop up in full operation and filled with activity plus participate in hourly tours. And, as a special highlight, Railroad Restoration Lead Worker George Sapp will present a compelling slide show highlighting the current Sierra No. 28 project, provide an in-depth walking tour of work being done on the project and be available to answer questions from Park guests.

Widely known as “The Movie Railroad” due to the hundreds of films and movies that have been shot on-location at the historic site, Railtown 1897 SHP is home to the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse of the Sierra Railway. This one-of-a-kind attraction combines industrial heritage and railroad history with the lore of Hollywood's film industry. The Railtown 1897 Interpretive Center, the authentic roundhouse and shops, and the Depot Store (a railroad specialty gift shop) are among the Park's unique year-round offerings.

Railtown 1897 SHP admission costs are as follows: \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. For more information about Railtown 1897 SHP, call 209-984-3953 or visit www.railtown1897.org.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day) and the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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