Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Prolongs Suspension Of Coal-Fired Steam Train Passenger Service Through Sun., June 30 Due to Expansion of 416 Fire and Persistent Drought Conditions

Historic 137-Year-Old Railroad in Southwestern Colorado to Give Full, Automatic And Immediate Refunds to All Ticket Holders Whose Excursions Are Canceled

DURANGO, Colo. — June 12, 2018 — The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad™ (D&SNGRR), which offers distinctive year-round rail experiences and special events to passengers of all ages in the remote, scenic wilderness and high-mountain landscape of Colorado’s San Juan National Forest, today announced it is prolonging the suspension of its coal-fired steam train steam passenger service through at least Sat., June 30. The railroad made the decision after thorough consultations with firefighting personnel and government agencies regarding current fire, drought and weather conditions.

As the company stated in previous announcements, D&SNGRR guests whose coal-fired steam train passenger service excursions are canceled as a result of this extended suspension will receive full, immediate and automatic ticket refunds. Ticket holders should allow 7-10 business days for their refunds to be processed and appear on their credit card statements.
The D&SNGRR, in conjunction with local agencies, authorities, and other prominent community leaders and stakeholders, continues to evaluate the feasibility of launching limited-range diesel locomotive passenger service later in the summer, once it is safe to do so. After those plans are fully determined, the railroad will publicly announce all relevant details, including fares, schedules, and itineraries, associated with this new passenger service.

In the meantime, the company encourages Durango-area travelers and impacted passengers to visit the D&SNGRR depot for scheduled railyard tours and free museum admissions. Additionally, travelers to the Four Corners region can visit the Durango Area Tourism Office (DATO) website, www.durango.org, for up-to-the-minute news and resources about special events, outdoor recreational opportunities, arts and cultural activities, and other goings-on available and accessible during the 416 Fire.

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**About The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**

Established in 1881 as the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, and based in beautiful Durango, Colorado, the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (D&SNGRR) has been transporting passengers, young and old alike, through the remote, scenic wilderness and high-mountain landscape of the San Juan National Forest for 137 years. Now owned and operated by American Heritage Railways, the D&SNGRR provides distinctive year-round rail experiences and exceptional special events via its fleet of vintage coal-fired, steam-operated locomotives and coaches which have been updated with modern conveniences to accommodate today’s discerning travelers. The D&SNGRR offers consumers a unique, enjoyable, and affordable family-friendly travel experience which combines the state’s colorful pioneering and mining histories with the unparalleled beauty of the Colorado backcountry. For more information, please visit www.durangotrain.com; like the company on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DSNGRR; and follow the railroad on Instagram and Twitter at @DSNGRR.
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