



The Downeast Scenic Railroad
Maine's Railroading Heritage Preserved for the Future
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NESCO
c/o Mr. Richard Glueck
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The Downeast Rail Heritage Preservation Trust, Inc. board of directors supports the work of NESCO to restore former Maine Central Railroad steam locomotive 470 back to operation and would welcome the opportunity to operate locomotive 470 as part of the Downeast Scenic Railroad.

Our mission is to promote and preserve the history of Down East Maine railroading and the history of the Maine Central Railroad. We realize that 470 is a significant part of that history and we look forward to the possibility of having an operating Maine Central locomotive on our line.

The future potential for the preservation and operation of the 470 and all that it would mean to the historic railroad preservation community and the State of Maine, makes this a very worthwhile and meaningful project that will have long term benefits to promote and preserve the rail heritage of Maine.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Downeast Rail Heritage Preservation Trust, Inc.;

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Testa
President

Cc: Board of Directors