



August 1, 2010

Antonito, CO – The fire in Locomotive 484 will be killed tonight, Sunday August 1, so that it can undergo maintenance. This is one of the two “workhorses” that have been the solutions to the June 23 setback as a result of the Lobato Trestle fire on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Passenger excursions beginning tomorrow, Monday, August 2 through Thursday August 5 will only operate from Antonito to Osier and return.

“The locomotive is scheduled for its mandated quarterly maintenance and cannot run another day until performance is completed”, said Marvin Casias, General Manager for the C&TS. The locomotive maintenance comes at a time when its passengers have adjusted to the altered schedule to and from Cumbres Pass, short of Chama. “Our staff and management have overcome numerous obstacles successfully. During this short intermission in our operation from Cumbres, the skills of our workforce will prevail”, stated Casias.

During locomotive 484’s maintenance procedure, passengers/guests who have booked from or to Chama via Cumbres will be transferred by the railroad’s exclusive motor coaches from Chama to Antonito with return at no extra cost to the passenger. Service from Antonito to Osier and return will be delayed by an hour allowing additional time for motor coaches and passengers to make connections. The Antonito/Osier train will depart at 11:00am from the Antonito Depot.

Regular service via Cumbres will resume on Friday, August 6, 2010. Talks and negotiations are in the progress with contractors to transport an additional locomotive and passenger coaches to fulfill the anticipated season of dramatic fall colors, the busiest time for the railroad. 40th Anniversary Celebration events are slated later this month. For the full schedule of 40th Anniversary events visit www.cumbrestoltec.com or call 888-286-2737.