Root’s of Motive Power is a logging and steam museum located next to the Mendocino County Museum in Willits. We are seeking to “open” our business for 1 Day, December 5th, 2020. This is the day we would Normal do our “Holiday Express”. We know that what we normally do (give train rides and have Santa and Goodies in the engine house) would not work this year given the Covid-19 restrictions. This is what we would like to do this year instead. We want to do a lighted steam train display from 5-7pm. The consist for this would be the following:

1. The Port of Olympia #2 Steam Train with a conductor/fireman and engineer operating the train with masks on. This locomotive cab is not fully enclosed.
2. We are going to decorate a riding open air car and have a Christmas scene in it with Santa and elves “working” on toys. Our “actors” would be from our small group that has been working together since the pandemic started, we will be stationed 6 feet apart with masks on. The car will be lit up so that spectators can see it as we go by from the parking lot adjacent to our train loop on E. Commercial St.
3. The Next Car will be the flat car with a large Christmas Tree decorated with lights
4. Caboose with lights will take up the rear. With an additional conductor and maybe an Elf or two in the front or back all with masks.

There is no plan to open our gates to the public or allow the public to ride on the train, this would be a for display only. When we advertise this event, we will be letting our fans know they will not be able to get out of their cars to see the show and plan on having a security guard with a mask in the parking lot there to remind people to stay in their cars. At some point our PIO will be outside the gate (with a mask) live streaming the event on our social media platforms. There will be a Covid-19 training for all Roots members involved during our regular Safety Briefing that we normally hold before any Roots event. Also, we will have all members pre-screen themselves before they come to the event per the current CDC guidelines. Any high touched surfaces will be sanitized before the event and periodically during the event with Clorox wipes.

We know that a lot of people are bummed out about the holiday’s this year and just want to provide a little Holiday cheer!!!!!