

TACOMA - August 7, 1972

File: Bennett Lumber

Mr. Q. W. Torpin
Chicago, Illinois

Attached is copy of a letter from Mr. M. Garelick to M. T. Sevedge and J. W. Stuckey concerning a visit they recently had with Bennett Lumber Company, Princeton, Idaho, for your information.

Supt. of Transportation

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Attachment

Seattle - August 3, 1972

Messrs. W. T. Sevedge
J. W. Stuckey

On August 1 I visited with Mr. E. Bennett of the Bennett Lumber Company at Princeton, Idaho located on the WI&M Railway.

The Bennett Lumber Company is currently operating under lease a series of Thrall cars Nos. BENX 100 to 114. In addition they are operating some 50 Tomco cars with initial KOTX and in the series 100, 200 and 300.

Mr. Bennett has been experiencing very slow turnaround time on these cars. They move from the WI&M to the Milwaukee at Bovill and thence to St. Maries from where they should move east on Trains 262 or 264. Unfortunately these two trains have been full passing through St. Maries and we have been unable to consistently pick up the trans-continental loads being generated at St. Maries.

Superintendent Sevedge is arranging to see that the Chicago cars are available for pickup at that point when Trains 262 or 264 are light. When the time freights are unable to pick up the through loads at St. Maries, the Avery logger will carry them to Avery for pickup by Train 266 which must be operated through to Harlowton in an expedited manner so that the east loads at Harlowton can then be transferred to one of the two time freights. It is very disturbing to hear our customers indicate that they are receiving orders from their customers to use any route but the Milwaukee because of the poor transit time.

If you have any ideas in connection with my above thoughts, would be pleased to hear from you in hopes of improving our service.

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