## **MEDIA/ PHOTO ADVISORY**

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## Alaska Railroad Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of President Harding Driving Golden Spike, Completing Railbelt

**WHO:** Alaska Railroad representatives and passengers

WHAT: On July 15, 1923, President Warren G. Harding drove a golden spike into the

Railbelt in Nenana, marking the completion of the track, which became and continues to be the backbone of the  $49^{th}$  state. This historic event celebrates its  $90^{th}$  anniversary on Monday, and the Alaska Railroad is honoring all passengers

on board for this momentous day. Each passenger will receive an official

certificate, and passengers passing through the town of Nenana on the Railbelt

between Fairbanks and Denali will have a special surprise.

WHEN: Monday, July 15

Trains passing through Nenana include:

Depart Fairbanks 8:15 a.m., arrive Denali 12:15 p.m. Depart Denali at 4 p.m., arrive Fairbanks 8 p.m.

WHERE: Alaska Railroad Railbelt, particularly Nenana

MORE: Media interested in covering the Nenana section of the Railbelt the day of the

anniversary can contact Liz Baker at Thompson & Co. Public Relations regarding

accommodations on the train.

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