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With a great deal of remorse, the City of Granite Falls, Granite Falls Fire Department – Snohomish County Fire District 17, Granite Falls Police Department, Granite Falls School District, and the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) jointly announce the cancellation of Railroad Days previously scheduled for October 2, 2021. Based on the significant number of recent COVID-19 infections in Snohomish County and the City of Granite Falls, the group feels it is in the community's best interest to cancel the event.

Due to the cancellation, the Chamber has withdrawn its permit application and is contacting each of the vendors and parade applicants. The Chamber will reimburse expenses already paid for by each of the vendors.

Businesses may still celebrate Railroad Days on October 2, 2021. However, we recommend reinforcing preventive measures to help curb the growing number of COVID-19 cases in our area.

"We are sad we had to cancel Railroad Days," said Mayor Matt Hartman. "It was a difficult decision, but one that we had to make to ensure the health and safety of our community. However, we look forward to coming together again and celebrating the historic and traditional events that make the City of Granite Falls such a great and close-knit community."

The public may review the current case counts for Snohomish County at the Snohomish Health District webpage www.snohd.org/546/Local-Case-Counts and find additional information on the Washington State Department of Health webpage www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19 and on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention webpage www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

Respectfully,

- Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce
- City of Granite Falls
- Snohomish Co. Fire District 17
- Granite Falls School District
- Granite Falls Police Department