

Attention La Grande Engineers

Protect yourself. Do not move a locomotive that has the brake cylinders cut out. This is an FRA no no. This has happened on a few occasions that the Hinkle roundhouse has found and fortunately the FRA has not. If it is necessary to cut out the brake cylinders on the truck, then it may not be moved until it is fixed. It must be set out. Unlike cars which may be cut out then moved to the next repair facility. Locomotives may not. The occasions that this has happened were most likely the result of being told to do so by misinformed mechanical personnel, or simply not knowing that it was wrong. If found by FRA, they view this as a willful violation and you will be subject to personal fines. **DO NOT MOVE A LOCOMOTIVE WITH THE BRAKE CYLINDERS CUT OUT.** If you are told to do this, inform the person instructing you to do this that it is an FRA violation, and if forced to do so, it will be under protest, and you will be reporting this illegal act. Then do so. Document everything, dates, times, places, train symbol, unit numbers, and persons involved. Then turn information over to this committee for further action.

Please call or email me if you have any questions.

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