

TRACK N' FEATHERS

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RGS Passenger Coach 256 Moved



Above left – Jeff Gardner of Nielson-Skanska Construction Co. supervises the initial lift of the coach from the old foundation. Above right – the coach is moved onto the street by a pair of heavy-duty forklifts for loading onto the truck.



Above left – The coach is loaded and readied for the 3-mile trip to the site where it will be restored. Above right – it is being placed on wooden timber cribbing at Truelsen's mill where it will stay for most of the restoration project.

On July 24th, RGS passenger coach 256 was moved from the site it had occupied since about 1954. The coach was moved to the lumber mill owned by Val Truelsen which is located about 3 miles east of Dolores on Colorado Highway 145.

As reported in earlier editions of *Track N' Feathers*, the coach was built by the *Jackson & Sharp Company* in Wilmington, Delaware in 1880 for the Denver & Rio Grande railroad and then sold to the Rio Grande Southern in 1891. The RGS used this coach – and others like it – in regular service until about 1933 when the railroad began using their Motor fleet for transporting passengers, the US Mail and light freight. (In those days, the RGS called the Galloping Geese "Motors.") When 256 was retired from hauling passengers, it was modified to be used as living quarters in work-car service and renumbered 0256. A kitchen was added and a partition wall to separate the kitchen from the living area.

