Union Pacific's Steam Legends Return to the Rails for Holiday Excursion in Colorado

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Big Boy No. 4014 and Living Legend No. 844 to make public appearances in Greeley and Denver in support of Make-A-Wish Foundation

OMAHA, Neb.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 18, 2026-- Union Pacific's Big Boy No. 4014 and Living Legend No. 844, the world's largest and fastest operating steam locomotives respectively, will make two public appearances in Colorado this weekend as part of their first-ever holiday excursion.

The iconic locomotives will stop in Greeley on Saturday morning before arriving at Denver Union Station, where Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and several elves will be handing out limited-edition gifts while they last during a festive holiday celebration. The sold-out tour has raised more than $150,000 to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation, including a donation from Union Pacific's Community Ties Giving Program.

The excursion marks several notable milestones. It is the first holiday tour for either locomotive and No. 844's first public tour since 2019, when it teamed up with Big Boy during the 150th anniversary celebration of the driving of the Golden Spike in Utah.

Big Boy's return to Colorado follows its historic coast-to-coast tour this summer that captivated millions and wraps up a year-long celebration of America's 250 th birthday.

Saturday, Nov. 21 - Public Viewing Opportunities

Whistle-Stop

- 10-11 a.m. MST | Greeley, Colorado | 10th Street Crossing

Display Day

- 3-7 p.m. MST | Denver Union Station

Built in 1944, No. 844 is the last steam locomotive constructed for Union Pacific and the only Class I steam locomotive in North America never retired. After diesel locomotives assumed passenger service duties in the mid-1950s, No. 844 was reassigned to freight and eventually moved into special services in 1960, including steam excursions. It was never scrapped, preserving its place as one of railroading's most enduring icons capable of reaching speeds of over 100 mph.

Union Pacific reminds rail fans to keep safety top of mind and stay at least 25 feet from railroad tracks and equipment when photographing or viewing the locomotives. Also, never trespass on private property, never stand on railroad tracks or ballast to take photos or videos and never climb on railroad equipment.

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