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All Aboard! Hiwassee River Rail Adventure!

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Etowah, TN - March 13, 2007 - Passenger trains will run again on the Historic Old Line Railroad along the scenic Hiwassee River, through the Cherokee National Forest, and then up and around the Hiwassee Loop in southeastern Tennessee! Excursions are now scheduled starting on April 7 and continuing through November 25, 2007. Each train is general seating and features comfortable cushioned seats, climate controlled interiors, and large windows. These vintage enclosed coaches will be pulled by historic 1950's era diesel locomotives, which were common on railroads five decades ago. Tickets for the Hiwassee River Rail Adventure will be available for purchase from Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum by phone at 1-423-894-8028, Extension #1, or you may order tickets online at www.tvrail.com. Ticket office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

The Hiwassee River Rail Adventure offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the natural scenic beauty and the rich history of the Tennessee Overhill area. Passengers will begin their adventure at the L&N Depot Museum in Etowah, TN. This restored, two-story, turn of the century train depot offers a glimpse into the history of a railroad community. From the depot parking lot, passengers will board shuttle buses for a short ride to Gee Creek State Park. At the park they will board vintage railroad coaches for a 50-mile, approximately 3-hour, roundtrip train ride. The trains will travel alongside the Hiwassee River, one of the most scenic rivers in the American South, providing breathtaking views of the Hiwassee River Gorge and surrounding mountains and forest. At the famous Hiwassee Loop the track actually passes over itself during a corkscrew climb up the mountain near Farner, TN.

This year Copperhill Special trips will also be available on certain weekends every month. These ninety mile, six hour roundtrips will include the "Loop" section of the Hiwassee River Rail Adventure and then continue all the way into Copperhill, Tennessee, with a layover for shopping and dining. Copperhill is a part of the historic copper mining area known as the Copper Basin.

The Old Line Railroad was built through the Hiwassee River Gorge in 1890 as part of a larger line constructed to connect Atlanta, GA to Knoxville, TN. For many years it was part of the L&N Railroad system. In later years the line was owned by CSX and used primarily to serve industries in the Copper Basin. Operations ceased on the line in 2001 and the Old Line Railroad Coalition was formed at that time for the

purpose of saving the line. In 2002 the Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association purchased 43.7 miles of the line from CSX with funds that were provided by Glenn Springs Holding, Inc, the company that is managing the environmental remediation in the Copper Basin.

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