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TO: All California State Legislative Board L/Rs working the UPRR

FROM: Tim Smith, State Chairman CSLB/BLET/IBT Rail Conference

RE: **ALERT!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please advise your members that this office has received information from the UPRR Locomotive Service Facility in the Western Region that they are going to be transporting (DIC-within road power consists) low horsepower locomotives such as GP 38s. They are said to have "Roots Blown" status.

In order for me to convey the definition, I will only say that there are many fires that are started throughout the system every day. As the fire season is upon us, the potential for disaster is much greater. These "Roots Blown" locomotives are a primary cause of fires along the right of way.

Long story short...these locomotives will be tagged "Do Not Start"! **Please do not go back in your consist and start these locomotives under any circumstances.** Leave them the way you found them. This will be a system wide effort, so please educate those crews you come into contact within and outside of California as well.

If your members have any questions or issues, please let this office know. Give out our toll free number: 1-800-864-6993

Fraternally,

Tim Smith, State Chairman
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