

# Watco Transportation Services Announcement



**DATE:** May 26, 2010  
**TO:** Watco Team  
**FROM:** Rob Thrall, West Region Director of Operations  
**SUBJECT:** Brian Simpson, Great Northwest Railroad General Manager

I am pleased to announce the addition of Brian Simpson to the West Region as the Great Northwest Railroad (GRNW) General Manager. Brian will be training during the next several weeks, becoming acquainted with our systems and processes.

Brian has 11 years experience in railroading and came to the GRNW from the Union Pacific Railroad, where he was a Manager of Terminal Operations. He has expertise in all railroad operating practices, including scheduling, service design and performance analysis, implementing monitoring, and documenting safety programs for railroad operating practices. He is also knowledgeable in applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations governing transportation.

Brian is based out of Lewiston, Idaho and will relocate his family from Oakland, Calif., to Lewiston. Brian and his wife Kara have three children; Paige, 9; Paytn, 3 and Parker, 2. In his spare time, Brian enjoys camping, fishing, riding Harley Davidson motorcycles and spending quality time with his family.

He can be reached at 208-816-0730 or at [bsimpson@watcocompanies.com](mailto:bsimpson@watcocompanies.com).

Please join us in welcoming Brian and wishing him much success as the GRNW General Manager!