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Steven Wait to Retire as President and CEO of Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Peninsula, OH. – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad’s president and CEO, Steven Wait, has announced his intention to retire in April 2012. Wait, 59 years old, had led the Scenic Railroad since November, 2006.

During his tenure with CVSR, Wait expanded the visibility of the organization, increased ridership levels over 70 percent and stabilized its financial condition.

Board of trustees chairman George Snider said, “Steve has helped CVSR become one of America’s largest and most respected excursion railroads. The Board plans to conduct a nationwide search for his successor.”

Senior- level executives interested in applying for the position can submit their resume to ceosearch@cvsr.com.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad provides transportation to and within Cuyahoga Valley National Park under a joint operating agreement. Park Superintendent Stan Austin commented: “Steve Wait's vision and commitment to improving visitor safety, accessibility and responsiveness to customer needs has enabled the National Park Service to provide improved services to the public. His collaborative and cooperative spirit has benefited us all. We are saddened by Steve's resignation but know that we have a partner for life as a park steward and a friend”

CVSR is a private sector, not-for-profit 501 ©(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and along the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. Scenic train excursions are offered twelve months of the year, along with a variety of special events, including The Polar Express™, Day Out With Thomas™, wine-tasting and beer tasting excursions, Bike Aboard!, and more.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (330) 657-2752.

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