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**Area: Safety** 

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**Re: SSP Awarded Jake Safety Award with Distinction** 

The Spokane, Spangle & Palouse Railway was recently awarded the Jake Safety Award with Distinction for their dedication to safety in 2022. The Jake Safety awards are presented by the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association on an annual basis. To be honored with a Jake Award, an ASLRRA member railroad must perform better than the Class II and III industry average injury frequency rate as reported by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) during the prior year. **FOR 2022, SSP HAD ZERO REPORTABLE INJURIES OR INCIDENTS.** 

The ASLRRA states: "The Jake Awards are named for the late Lowell S. "Jake" Jacobson, the former President and General Manager of the Copper Basin Railway (CBRY). After achieving a perfect safety record for the CBRY in 1993, Jake realized that there was no award that recognized smaller railroads' safety records. He created an awards program to honor his fellow small-railroad colleagues and their commitment to safety."

SSP is dedicated to serving our stakeholders. We are equally dedicated to the safety of our employees. This dedication has led to zero incidents or injuries since 2019. Receiving the Jake Award with Distinction is a direct result of our employees focus' on our *On-Track Safety Program*.

For a list of Jake Safety Awards recipients, and more information on the award, please follow this link <a href="https://www.aslrra.org/about-us/industry-awards-recognition/safety-awards/jake-safety-award/">https://www.aslrra.org/about-us/industry-awards-recognition/safety-awards/jake-safety-award/</a>

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