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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement GENESEE & WYOMING INC [GWR] Benz James W (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 66 FIELD POINT ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person GREENWICH, CTÂ 06830 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Chief Operating Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value 32,338 (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	•		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	04/05/2006	Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	3,165	\$ 7.0555	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	05/22/2007	Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	12,000	\$ 14.2333	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	07/30/2008	Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	1,947	\$ 14.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	07/30/2008	Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	10,053	\$ 14.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	05/11/2009	Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	8,365	\$ 23.45	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	05/11/2009	Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	2,885	\$ 23.45	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Benz James W 66 FIELD POINT ROAD GREENWICH, CT 06830	Â	Â	Chief Operating Officer	Â			

Signatures

Adam B. Frankel, Attorney In Fact for James W.
Benz
05/11/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 1,030 shares of restricted stock granted under the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan ("Restricted Shares"). The Restricted Shares will vest in two installments of 515 on May 11, 2006 and May 11, 2007.
- (2) Immediately.
- (3) This option is exercisable currently as to 6,000 of such shares, and will become exercisable as to 3,000 shares on May 23, 2005 and as to 3,000 shares on May 23, 2006.
- (4) This option is exercisable currently as to 1,287 of such shares and will become exercisable as to 660 shares on July 31, 2005.
- (5) This option is exercisable currently as to 1,713 of such shares, and will become exercisable as to 2,340 shares on July 31, 2005, as to 3,000 shares on July 31, 2006 and as to 3,000 shares on July 31, 2007.
- (6) This option will become exercisable as to 3,750 of such shares on May 12, 2005, as to 3,218 shares on May 12, 2006 and as to 1,397 shares on May 12, 2007.
- (7) This option is exercisable as to 532 of such shares on May 12, 2006 and as to 2,353 on May 12, 2007.

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