

GREENBRIER COMPANIES INC  
Form DEFA14A  
December 17, 2010

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 14A**

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**The Greenbrier Companies, Inc.**

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December 20, 2010

Dear Shareholder:

We have previously sent to you proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of shareholders of The Greenbrier Companies, Inc. (the Company), to be held on January 7, 2011. The **Board of Directors of the Company recommends that shareholders vote FOR all items on the agenda.**

Your vote is important, no matter how many or how few shares you may own. If you have not already done so, please vote TODAY by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided. Alternatively, you may vote by telephone or over the Internet as instructed by your broker or bank.

Very truly yours,

SHERRILL A. CORBETT

*Secretary*

**REMEMBER:**

**You can vote your shares by telephone, or via the Internet as instructed by your broker or bank.**

**Please follow the easy instructions on the enclosed proxy card.**

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

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