

# BNSF



## Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Fall River Division

### Dispatcher

#### Responsibilities

The Dispatcher is responsible for safely managing all train movements across the division.

#### Procedures

All trains operate on two-way radio channel 07-00. Communication between Fall River Yard, Crew Lounge, Clerk, and Superintendent should be done via the intercom telephone system.

All train movement is controlled via the **CATS CTC** dispatcher computer program:

- All train and crew information must be completed prior to authorizing train movement. Position train in the occupied block prior to selecting/setting a route.
- Use the mouse to throw switches and set routes (and signals).
- Authorization to occupy the track (other than signal indication) is referred to as "Track Authority." All track authority is issued between two control points. Example: "5668 West has track authority between CP Jordan Jct. and CP Ardmore, on the mainline."
- A/D tracks at Fall River Yard on the CTC panel are placeholders only for train symbols. Train symbols do not have to correspond to actual track occupancy.

**CATS track colors:** Red = occupied, green = selected route, white = no route selected, gray = non-detected track, blue = track authorization issued.

#### **Division & Special Operations:**

- Union Pacific and other short line railroads have trackage rights on the division.
- Fall River Yard (FR) must be notified of trains approaching the yard to ensure Fall River Yard can accept arriving trains. For Eastbound trains, contact FR before trains depart Sage. For Westbound trains, contact FR before trains depart Horton.
- The Traffic Manager or Clerk must be notified of trains approaching the Calhoun crew change point. There is only one arrival/departure track in Calhoun. Check for clearance prior to releasing eastbound trains from Horton. All other crew change points use both arrival and departure tracks.

#### **Train Priority (In order of importance):**

- Amtrak (**MUST** use tracks where depots exist, such as Winston mainline, Kimber North track, Sage, etc.)
- Intermodal and "Z" hotshot trains
- Other BNSF (manifest, through trains, coal, etc.)
- BNSF Locals (Kimber Crawler, Deckers Dodger, etc.)
- All Union Pacific Trains

#### Misc.

CATS shortcut: **control + T** = train line-up

CATS shortcut: **control + E** = toggle between engine number and train symbol