



Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

Fall River Division

Fall River Yard Master

Responsibilities

The Fall River Yard Master is responsible for managing all operations in the Fall River Yard. Duties include:

- Directing the hostler yard switch crew(s).
- Ensuring the safe arrival and departure of all trains entering the Fall River Yard, consistent with all established train schedules.
- Switching industries in Fall River (outgoing cars from switch list, and arriving cars listed on arriving train manifests). This work may be assigned to any crew available (hostler, switch crew, or yard master), based on availability.

Procedures

Arriving Trains:

- The dispatcher should notify the yard master in advance of arriving trains.
- Use arrival/departure tracks 1-4 as necessary for arriving (and departing) trains.
- Receive train manifests from the arriving crew.
- **Remind the crew to provide their Crew Card to the Traffic Center to ensure availability for the next train.**
- The hostler is responsible for the movement of power from the train to the engine service facility.
- Classify cars in classification yard, as indicated on the train manifest. **After classified, return completed manifests to the "Clerk's Office" tube.**

Departing Trains:

- Based on the schedule, prepare departing trains.
- Contact the Traffic Manager to have train manifest printed on the Fall River printer. Generally, the manifests should not be requested more than 1 hour (fast clock) prior to scheduled departure. Intermodal trains may be requested earlier, because of the time required to build the train.
- Assemble departing trains and place on the arrival/departure tracks:
 - Block cars as defined on the manifest **only for Kimber Crawler and Deckers Dodger**
 - All locals should use a caboose. All other trains can use FRED or other red flag device (place "stick FRED" in coupler of last car in train).
- The hostler is responsible to move power from the engine service facility to the departure track.
- Notify the Traffic Manager that the train is ready for crew call.
- Provide the outgoing crew with departing train manifest and consist card.

Misc:

- Industries and BNSF facilities may not be switched before **12:00** during the shift. When complete, return the switch list to the Traffic Center ("arriving trains" tube).
- Yard track diagrams are located on the fascia.
- The **Boeing Special Train** will only depart if there are Boeing cars on track seven, regardless of the amount of cars. If they arrive before Noon, Boeing Special departs at Noon. If they arrive after Noon, run Boeing Special as soon as possible (has priority over other departing trains). The use of a caboose is required for the Boeing Train.