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Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Fall River Division

Hostler

Responsibilities

The Hostler is responsible for managing the engine service facility, assigning power to trains departing Fall River Yard, and switching all Fall River industries. Duties include:

- Moving power from arriving trains to the engine service facility.
- Servicing engines (inspection, sand, fuel, cleaning, etc.) as necessary.
- Assigning and move power from the engine service facility to departing trains.

Procedures

Arriving Trains:

- Only certain “through” or unit trains require a power swap, see the schedule below.
- Coordinate movements with yard switch crews.
- Use through tracks when possible. Do not block the drill tracks.
- Obtain the consist card from the Yard Master. Keep consist cards with the engines.

Power Assignments:

- **Coal trains = AC power consists (check consist cards for AC designation).**
- **Local (turns, etc.) trains = Four axle consists if available. If not available, lower horsepower consists, such as SD40-2s should be used.**
- **Through and unit trains = Six axle high horsepower consists.**
- Power should be serviced (inspection, sand, fuel, cleaning, etc.) before being assigned to a departing train.
- Trains that have been serviced and are awaiting assignment, should be staged on any “ready track.”

Departing Trains:

- At the direction of the Yard Master, add power to departing trains (arrival/departure tracks).
- Coordinate movements with yard switch crews.
- Use through tracks when possible. Do not block the drill tracks.
- Provide the consist card to the Yard Master. Keep consist cards with the engines.

Schedules:

In addition to trains that arrive and depart from the Fall River Yard, the following “through trains” or unit trains upon their arrival will require a power swap. Trains are listed below, in no particular order of arrival:

- E PSCBLK – MT Public Service Coal Train. Uses AC Coal Power such as SD70Macs
- E BURBLK – MT Burlington Coal Train. Uses AC Coal Power such SD70Macs
- W ROCBUR – Loaded MOW Ballast Train. Uses 2 or 3 six axle DC power.
- X TACBUR – MT Canadian Grain Train. Uses 2 or 3 six axle power (CP power if available).
- G BURTAC – Loaded “Earth Worm” Grain Train . Uses 2 or 3 six axle DC power.