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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.
- Switching industries within the Fall River Yard limits (outgoing cars from switch list, and arriving cars listed on arriving train manifests). Coordinate all movements with Yard master and yard switch crews.

Procedures

Arriving Trains:

- At the direction of the Yard Master, remove power from arriving trains and move to the engine facility.
- 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 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:

Industries may be switched anytime between 8am and 3pm during the shift. When complete, return the switch list to the Traffic Center ("arriving trains" tube).

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

- E PSCBLK – MT Public Service Coal Train. Uses SD70Macs
- E BURBLK – MT Burlington Coal Train. Uses SD70Macs
- W ROCBUR – Loaded MOW Ballast Train
- X TACBUR – MT Canadian Grain Train. Uses CP power if available
- G BURTAC – Loaded "Earth Worm" Grain Train