

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

Fall River Division



Crater Creek Branch Job

Responsibilities

The Crater Creek Branch Crew is responsible to service customers at the Tamko Building Products Plant, Leiter Industrial Park, and Langboard OSB Plant.

Procedures

- Build “Crater Creeper” train, taking cars to W. Kimber Yard and pick-up cars for the branch line industries. See Manifest on clip board. The two GPs should be used on the “Crater Creeper” to pull the train up the grade to Kimber. A caboose is required to protect crews for reverse moves.
 - Coordinate movements in Kimber with Kimber Switch Crew.
 - After the Crater Creeper has returned to Leiter Yard, notify the Traffic Manager (via telephone) to terminate the “Crater Creeper Job” and then generate the “Crater Switch Job.” The Kimber printer may be used to pick up the manifest generated by the Traffic Manager. Keep all manifests and paper work on the Crater Branch clipboard.
- Operate the Crater Switch Job (service local industries using the “Crater Switch” list):
 - Review switch list to carefully plan work.
 - Customers can be switched in any order/preference unless noted on switch list.
 - Any power in Leiter may be used as necessary. It is suggested that the single switch engine is used to spot/pull cars at various customers on the branch line.
- When all switching work is complete:
 - Notify the Traffic Manager to terminate the manifests.
 - Retain all paperwork on the Crater Branch clipboard.
 - Time permitting, report to work the Extra Board.

Misc:

- A caboose at the end of the train is required if shoving cars into the Tamko plant. The wooden trestle is not safe for crews to cross on foot. A caboose is also required for the trip to the Langboard OSB plant at the end of the branch line.
- A caboose is required at all times on the Crater Creeper train.
- In Kimber, moves across the UP A/D plant must be made with caution to avoid any accidents. Signals are used to govern all movements across the crossing.
- The telephone at the Yard Office may be used to contact the Traffic Manager, Dispatcher, etc. However, calls cannot be received on this phone (because crews are on the road, working).