

# BNSF



# Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

## Fall River Division

### West Fall River West Switch Crew

#### Responsibilities

The West Fall River Switch Crew works under the supervision of the Fall River Yard Master, and is responsible for classifying cars, aligning West End A/D switches, and working the Intermodal Yard.

The West Fall River Switch Crew also runs the Amtrak switch engines to swap express cars from arriving Amtrak trains. Amtrak switch engines are located on the far East end of the Union Station switch lead. A switch list is available that describes the work.

#### Yard Procedures

- Use arrival/departure tracks 1-4 as necessary for arriving (and departing) trains. The Yard Master will announce over the yard speakers, or "squawk box," arriving trains and A/D track assignments.
- Classify cars in classification yard, as indicated on the train manifest.
- Assemble departing trains and place on the arrival/departure tracks:
  - Block cars as defined on the manifest (only required for local trains and FAL-TAC trains.)
  - All locals and Boeing trains must use a caboose
  - All other trains can use FRED or other red flag device
- Provide the outgoing crew with departing train manifest and consist or engine card.

#### Intermodal Yard Operations

- The Yard Master has the schedule of departing trains from the Intermodal Yard.
- Receive manifest from the Traffic Manager prior to trains departure. **Ensure the manifest is printed at least several hours prior to departure, allowing enough time to build Intermodal trains.**
- Build departing trains based on manifest information. Ensure proper cars (wells, flats, etc.) are used for the proper type/length of containers or trailers. If the proper cars are not available, do not load and update the manifest to reflect the proper train loading.
- The front Load Track should only be used for loading and unloading. All other tracks in the yard are for car storage. **Containers and/or trailers can only be loaded/unloaded from this front track.**
- Containers and/or trailers are available from the yard staging area.
- Ensure containers are properly seated within the well car.
- 20' containers must always be on the bottom when containers are stacked.
- The yard drill track may be used to pull/push cars from the Intermodal track.
- Completed trains should be placed on the Fall River Yard A/D tracks for engine assignment and crews.
- All incoming trains must be unloaded, and containers and/or trailers placed in the proper staging area within the yard. **Verifying trailer and container numbers is not necessary**, simply remove them from the car and place in the proper staging area.
- Empty cars/flats should be stored on the "rear tracks" of the Yard.

#### Misc:

- Containers are stored in the yard by length. The prefix on the manifest represent the container name, rather than the letter prefix on the reporting marks.
- Additional intermodal equipment (cars) are available on the "old GW transfer track," location near the east end of the Fall River A/D Track #1. Pull the equipment as necessary. Capacity of this track is 24 cars.