

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

Fall River Division



East Fall River Switch Crew

Responsibilities

The Fall River Switch Crew works under the supervision of the Fall River Yard Master, and is responsible for classifying cars, aligning East End A/D switches, and servicing certain Fall River industries.

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 Kimber Crawler and FAL-TAC trains).
 - All locals and Boeing trains must use a shoving platform
 - All other trains can use FRED or other red flag device
- Provide the outgoing crew with departing train manifest and consist or engine card.
- Amtrak and crews at Union Station are responsible to throw their own switches, contact the DS, etc.
- May spot/pick-up industry cars at the direction of the Fall River Yard Master.
- If movement is necessary past the overpass on the engine ready tracks, coordination with the Hostler is required.