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### CABOOSE TRAIN STRETCH PROCEDURES

Due to circumstances brought up during our 2010 crew training sessions, we will be modifying our first stretch procedure for the Caboose train. After the locomotive has backed down to the train at the start of an operating day, we have traditionally done a full stretch requiring the last caboose to move to ensure the train is intact. Since this procedure requires sliding the wheels on the last caboose, which can create spalding and/or flat spots, a change is necessary.

Effective May 26, 2010, the first stretch of the caboose train should be observed at the joint between the last two cabooses. When the couplers stretch indicating the couplers are set, the movement should be stopped.

During all other activities, care should be taken not to slide wheels on rolling equipment.



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