

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD MUSEUM

YARDMASTER BULLETIN #3

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A new, permanently-mounted blue flag has been installed in the center of the track leading to tracks 1 & 2 (between the #2 switch and the #1 switch) at the west end of the yard. This flag is the fold-down type, so when not in use, it will lay flat between the rails. When raised, both tracks 1 and 2 on the west end will be protected. Use of this flag will be as follows:

A. Maintenance Personnel

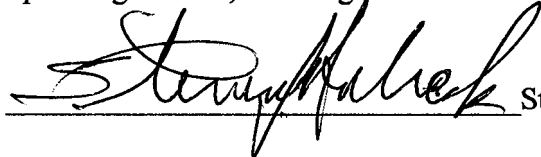
Persons working on equipment on west 1 and west 2 tracks such that they cannot readily be aware of other activities in the yard, such as working underneath or in between pieces of equipment, must use the new blue flag for protection. In addition, the west #2 switch must be lined and locked for the lead (towards tracks 3 & 4). A special "blue lock" will be provided for locking this switch. Other activities, not involving getting in between or under equipment, may, at the workers' option, be protected by a hanging blue flag on the equipment affected, or by use of the permanent blue flag. Blue flag protection must be provided in any case.

Persons working under protection of the permanent blue flag must notify the Yardmaster, his designee, or the Operations Supervisor, as appropriate, of the intent to use the permanent blue flag for work, prior to raising the flag and starting work. Once work is complete, remember to lower the flag, and notify the Operating Department. It is permissible to leave the flag raised overnight if work will continue the next day.

B. Operations Personnel

When notified by the Operations Supervisor, Yardmaster, or his designee that maintenance personnel have or will be raising the permanent blue flag, no access is allowed into west 1 track and west 2 track, by anyone, for any reason. If engine swaps or other moves need to be made in these tracks, the maintenance personnel protected by the permanent blue flag must be notified so they can put their work in a safe condition, clear the work area, and lower the flag.

It will be the responsibility of the Yardmaster, his designee, or the Operations Supervisor to check the status of the permanent blue flag at the beginning of each operating session, and be governed accordingly.



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