



Missouri Pacific, St. Louis-San Francisco Railroads
Eagle River Division

Dispatcher

Responsibilities

The dispatcher is responsible for the safe management of all train movements across the division.

Procedures

A telephone intercom system is provided for communication between the dispatcher, Ferritin City, East Ferritin, South Park, Beaver Cove, Westburg, and Riverside. Direct verbal communication may be used at all other locations.

Train movement is controlled via a computer-simulated dispatcher-controlled CTC panel.

- All train and crew information must be completed prior to authorizing train movement.
- The computer mouse is used to throw switches and set signals.
- Authorization to occupy the track (other than signal indication) is referred to as "Track Authority." All track authority is issued between two control points. Example: 4664 east has track authority between CP 104 Riverside and CP 107 Riverside Jct. on the mainline."

Division and Special Operations:

- Alton & Southern has shared track rights on the division.
- South Park Yard (SPY) must be notified of trains approaching the yard to ensure that South Park Yard can accept arriving trains. Westbound trains must contact SPY before passing Riverside Junction. (CP 107)
- Industry turnouts on sidings are typically not controlled by the Dispatcher. Return all manually controlled turnouts to normal after completion of work.

Train Priority (in order of importance):

- Amtrak
- Specials
- Missouri Pacific and Frisco Trains (non-local)
- Locals