

About Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

BNSF Averages between 96 and 106 trains per day traveling the rails in Mohave County.

A Vital Connection between Goods and Customers.

Cars are lined up on a dealer's lot, gleaming under the warm glow of nearby street lights. The latest clothing choices hang on a rack in a store. A boy and girl challenge each other's scores on a hand-held video game.

For more than 150 years, BNSF Railway has been quietly delivering cars, coal, clothing, games and nearly anything else found in homes and businesses. When the predecessors to BNSF Railway first started operations, we were building a nation by shrinking America's borders. Today, our focus is on using speed, agility and resourcefulness to help expand the global marketplace for goods and services.

Today, BNSF Railway plays a vital role for people around the world every day of the year - magazines are published on paper delivered by our trains, medicines are carried for distribution to hospitals and pharmacies, produce is shipped from farms to markets... the list is endless.

All this is accomplished by a BNSF Railway team that is progressive, vital, resourceful and approachable. Through contemporary, world-class people, processes and technology, BNSF Railway provides an easy, relevant choice for all types of shippers in a wide variety of locations.

BNSF Facts

- Route Miles: 32,000
- Number of Employees: 40,000
- Locomotives: 6,300
- Average Freight Cars on System: 220,000

Coal

- More than 10 percent of the electricity produced in the United States, enough to power one out of every ten homes in the nation, is now generated from coal hauled by BNSF.
- More than 90 percent of the coal BNSF hauls comes from the Powder River Basin (PRB) in Wyoming and Montana, which contains the world's largest single deposit of low-sulfur coal.
- PRB coal is 60 percent lower in sulfur than most other U.S. coal sources. Steam-electric utilities can meet the tougher Phase I and Phase II standards of the Clean Air Act, by switching to PRB coal instead expensive scrubbers.
- PRB coal is also the most economical steam fuel source for many utilities. A majority of the 50 lowest-cost steam-electric plants in the U.S. burn coal from the Powder River Basin.

Agricultural Products

- BNSF serves more of the nation's major grain-producing regions than any other railroad.
- BNSF is one of the largest grain-hauling railroads in the United States. In 2005, BNSF transported more than 900,000 carloads of agricultural commodities, nearly half of which were corn and wheat movements.
- BNSF hauls enough grain to supply 900 million people with a year's supply of bread.
- Approximately 50 percent of the agricultural commodities traffic BNSF hauls is transported to export points in the Pacific Northwest, Gulf of Mexico, Mexico and the Great Lakes.
- BNSF hauls enough fertilizer in one year to fertilize a field the size of the entire state of Kansas.

Consumer Products

Intermodal

- In 2005, more than 5 million intermodal shipments (truck trailers or containers) were transported on BNSF's rail lines instead of on the nation's congested highways. That's the equivalent of a truck trailer or container being loaded onto a BNSF intermodal train every 6 seconds.
- The average BNSF intermodal train moves the equivalent of what 220 trucks could move.
- BNSF moves more intermodal traffic than any other rail system in the world. Major products moved in the trailers and containers BNSF transports include such items as mail, small packaged goods, paper products, clothes, appliances, electronic products and auto parts.
- During peak season between Thanksgiving and Christmas, BNSF ships more than 50 million packages for UPS—on time.
- BNSF's fastest intermodal service moves 760 miles per day—200 miles more than single-driver truck service.

Carload

- A new car or truck is loaded onto a BNSF automobile train approximately every 21 seconds. That amounts to approximately 1.5 million vehicles, or about 1 out of every 11 cars and trucks manufactured in North America.
- The new vehicles are shipped to 33 destination ramps across BNSF's system for final delivery by truck to local auto dealerships.
- BNSF is the largest transporter of beer and wine by rail in the United States.
- BNSF transports enough canned beverages to supply every resident of New York, Chicago and Los Angeles with one beverage a day for nearly one year.
- BNSF moves enough sugar to make more than 3 million batches of cookies a year.
- BNSF transports more than 1 billion cans of canned goods each year.

Industrial Products

Forest Products

- BNSF serves more of North America's primary timber-producing regions than any other railroad (Pacific Northwest, Canada, Northern Minnesota and the Southeast).
- BNSF transports enough lumber each year to build more than 500,000 homes ...
 - Enough newsprint each year to print 1 billion Sunday newspapers ...

- Enough printing paper to print more than 1 billion catalogs ...
- Enough paperboard to manufacture more than 2 billion cardboard boxes.

Chemicals

- BNSF transports....
 - Enough propane each year to fill more than 100 million five-gallon propane tanks
 - Enough lube oil to fill 1.6 billion quarts of motor oil
 - Enough petroleum wax to produce 100 million fire logs
 - Enough asphalt to lay a single lane road four times around the equator

Metals

- BNSF annually handles enough coiled sheet steel to lay the unrolled coils end to end 12 times between New York, NY and Seattle, WA
- Each year, BNSF handles enough recycled iron and steel to produce reinforcing bar to rebuild more than 3,900 miles of interstate highway.

Minerals

- BNSF transports the mineral components of many of the products we enjoy everyday, including the roads we drive on (cement, asphalt), the buildings in which we live and work (gypsum, crushed stone, limestone, iron ore), the glass (soda ash) in the windows we look through, and even the paper (kaolin clay) used in many of the documents you read.

Government/Machinery

- BNSF is the largest transporter of aircraft parts by rail in the United States.