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Hello All,

Tuesday night Richard ran the crew and delivered ties over to the turntable to use as cribbing. Cliff worked on the light standards.

Thursday Richard and I had a managers meeting. The crew worked on getting ready for Saturday. Saturday morning I found out that the tamper starter had gone bad. While the rest of the crew went down the line to plate and spike the ties put in last weekend Harry, Heather and I removed the old starter and got the starter out of the new tamper changed around to work in the old tamper. As we were finishing the starter we found a bunch of bad wires where the insulation had melted off. So we patched in replacements and tested right before lunch. After lunch Ed, Heather and I took the tamper down to the area where the crew had just finished spiking and tamped it all. We found that the right rear vibrator motor for the tamping head is not working. So Tuesday we will need to remove and install another one so we can keep changing ties. Also we got approval to work on the tie shear. It needs the hydraulic system drained and flushed and the pumps rebuilt as one pump failed. It will probably need some more work also. We will also bring over the scarifier to troubleshoot the winch and repair. May also have to look at the engine as it is getting really bad. Next week we will be back changing ties and should be close to finishing the bad spot at milepost 2.15, then we can start heading north changing ties again. I will be gone the week of 2/25 and Richard will be running the crew.

See you out on the line.
Alan, Richard and Chris

