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Hello All,

Tuesday we moved ties over to the museum and hauled switch parts and plates back. The ties are for our contractor to start installing our connection behind the museum. Thursday we took over the comp joints, plates and anchors and installed the missing 12' tie in our switch.

Saturday we removed the frog from switch 20 that was found cracked last Saturday. We replaced it with the frog from switch 19 and installed a straight rail and spiked it so the engine can do its run around. The east siding is now out of service since there is no switch at the south end. We are going to try and find a piece of special rail to repair the frog as 110 lb. bolted frogs are very hard to find. On Friday UP delivered the ballast cars for our line. They were air operated and nobody knew how to operate them. Someone came down from Roseville and operated them and we got the ballast spread but not without problems. Some cars would not open, so all the cars are sitting on the new line. Next week UP will come down and figure out the cars with the help of our air compressor. Next week we should see rail behind the museum.

See you out on the line,
Alan, Chris and Sandy

