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REPLY to Montana Rail Link (MRL) Reply (305937)

Dear Ms. Brown,

I'm not sure if this Reply to a Reply is allowed, due to my unfamiliarity with STB filing procedures as this is my first time filing. If it is not, I ask for direction to the proper method of filing a response to a Reply.

I would ask the Board to accept the "limited MRL response to new issues raised by [me]."

Additionally, MRL states the STB has "consistently granted individual exemptions" in cases where railroads want to "discontinue service over rail lines owned by other railroads." While this is true, based on Engineering Track Charts provided by BNSF, the MRL trackage is owned by MRL and not BNSF.

I have included these Track Charts, as well as an example (former MMT lease of the Kalispell Subdivision) to show what a Lease would look like on the Track Charts.

Thank you for your consideration

Chandler Kitson, EIT

cc: Rose-Michele Nardi
Crystal M. Zorbaugh
Joe Racicot (Montana Rail Link)
All parties of record

Exhibit List:

- A. AB_575_Sub2X_Response_BigHornSubTrackChart
 - a. Engineering Track Chart showing MRL ownership of trackage at Huntley and Jones Jct.
Also includes Engineering Track Chart legend.
- B. AB_575_Sub2X_Response_CasperSubTrackChart
 - a. Engineering Track Chart showing MRL ownership of trackage at Laurel.
- C. AB_575_Sub2X_Response_EurekaSubTrackChart
 - a. Engineering Track Chart showing labeling of trackage sold to MMT.
- D. AB_575_Sub2X_Response_ForsythSubTrackChart
 - a. Engineering Track Chart showing MRL ownership of trackage at Jones Jct.
- E. AB_575_Sub2X_Response_KalispellSubTrackChart
 - a. Engineering Track Chart showing labeling of trackage (formerly) leased to MMT.
- F. AB_575_Sub2X_Response_KootenaiRiverSubTrackChart
 - a. Engineering Track Chart showing MRL ownership of trackage at Sandpoint Jct.
- G. AB_575_Sub2X_Response_LaurelSubTrackChart
 - a. Engineering Track Chart showing MRL ownership of trackage at Mossmain.



TRACK CHART ABBREVIATION LEGEND

BRIDGES & CULVERTS

A	ARCH
AB	ABUTMENT
AP	APPROACH
AR	ARCH
ARM TL	ARMCO TUNNEL LINER
B	BOX
BASC	BASCULE
BD	BALLAST DECK
BDPT	BALLAST DECK PILE TRESTLE - WOOD
BR	BRIDGE
BRK	BRICK
BX	BOX
C	CONCRETE
CA	CONCRETE ARCH
CB	CONCRETE BOX
CBG	CONCRETE BOX GIRDER
CCTS	COMBINATION CONCRETE & TIMBER SLAB
CG	CONCRETE "I" GIRDER
CIP	CAST IRON PIPE
CMA	CURRUGATED METAL ARCH
CMP	CORRUGATED METAL PIPE
CTG	CONCRETE "T" GIRDER
CP	CONCRETE PIPE
CUL	CULVERT
DBL	DOUBLE
DG	DECK GIRDER
DPG	DECK PLATE GIRDER
DPLG	DECK PLATE LATTICE GIRDER
DPCT	DECK PIN CONNECTED TRUSS
DR SP	DRAW SPAN
DRT	DECK RIVETED TRUSS
DS	SWING SPAN
DT	DECK TRUSS
EXT	EXTENSION
FT	FRAME TRESTLE - WOOD
FTG	FOOTING
GCIP	GALVANIZED CORRUGATED IRON PIPE
GIP	GALVANIZED IRON PIPE
IB	"I" BEAM OR GIRDER BEAM SPAN
I BM	"I" BEAM
LG	LONG
LS	LIFT SPAN
MPP	MULTI-PLATE PIPE
MSY	MASONRY
O	OVAL
OCP	OVAL CONCRETE PIPE
OD	OPEN DECK
OMP	OVAL METAL PIPE
ORCP	OVAL REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE
PC	PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE
PCMP	PERFORATED CORRUGATED CONCRETE PIPE
PED	PEDESTAL
PRT	PONY RIVETED TRUSS
PT	PILE TRESTLE - WOOD

RCA	REINFORCED CONCRETE ARCH
RCB	REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX
RCP	REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE
RCT	REINFORCED CONCRETE TRESTLE
RD WD	REDWOOD
RSB	REINFORCED STONE BOX
RTB	RAIL TRACK BOX
RTCB	RAIL TOP CONCRETE BOX
RTSB	RAIL TOP STONE BOX
SA	STEEL ARCH
SBG	STEEL BOX GIRDER
SP	STEEL PIPE
SPP	STEEL PLATE PIPE
SSC	STEEL STRINGERS & CAPS
SSP	STUCTURAL STEEL PIPE
STA	STONE ARCH
STB	STONE BOX
STO	STONE
T	TILE
TBX	TIMBER BOX
TDBX	THRU VOID, DBL. CELL PRES. CONC. BEAM OR GIRDER
TL	TUNNEL LINER
THG	THRU GIRDER
THT	THRU TIMBER TRUSS
TPLG	THRU PLATE LATTICE GIRDER
TP	TILE PIPE
TPCT	THRU PIN CONNECTED TRUSS
TPG	THRU PLATE GIRDER
TR	TREATED
TR	T-RAIL
TPL	TRIPLE
TRT	THRU RIVETED TRUSS
TSBX	THRU VOIDED-SINGLE CELL PRESTRESSED CONCRETE BEAM OR GIRDER
VIT P	VITRIFIED PIPE
VP	VITRIFIED PIPE
VTEE	VOIDED PRESTRESSED CONC. TEE GIRDER
VTP	VITRIFIED TILE PIPE
WB	WOOD BOX
WD	WOOD
WF	WIDE FLANGE BEAM SPAN
WP	WOOD PIPE
WR I P	WROUGHT IRON PIPE

TRACK & SIGNAL

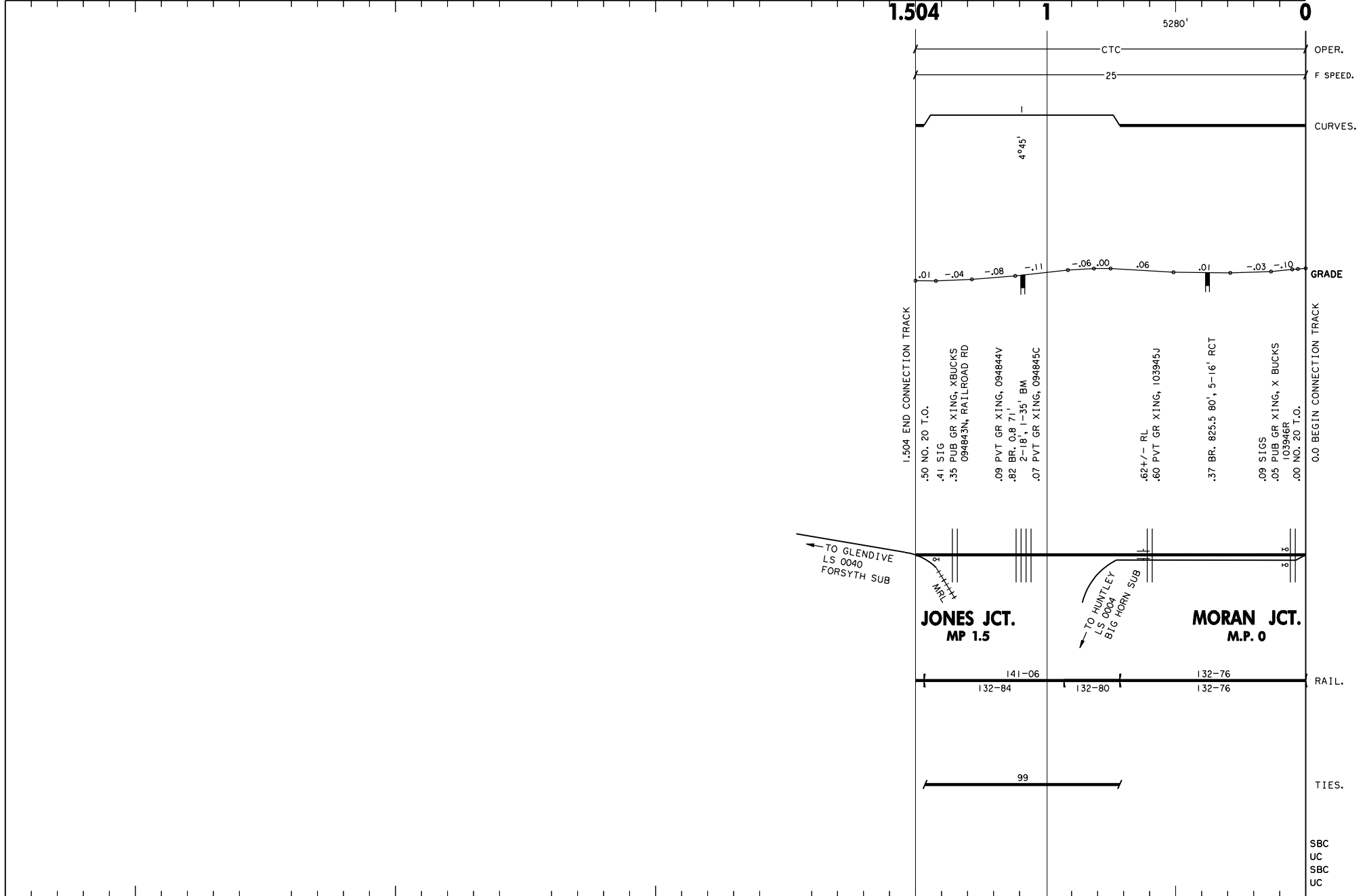
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ABD	ACOUSTIC BEARING DETECTOR
AEI	AUTOMATIC EQUIPEMENT IDENIFICATION READER
ATS	AUTOMATIC TRAIN STOPS
BFD	BROKEN FLANGE DETECTOR
BR SIG	BRIDGE SIGNAL
CANT SIG	CANTILEVER SIGNAL
CTC	CENTRALIZED TRAFFIC CONTROL
DED	DRAGGING EQUIPMENT DETECTOR
DESLTD	DRAGGING EQUIP. & SHIFTED LOAD W/TOP DETECTOR
F	FREIGHT (SPEED)
F/G	FLASHING SIGNAL WITH AUTOMATIC GATES
FL	FLASHING SIGNAL
HB & DED	HOT BEARING & DRAGGING EQUIP. DETECTOR
HWD	HIGH WATER DETECTOR
INTLK	INTERLOCKING
I TOWER	INTERLOCKING TOWER
LS	LINE SEGMENT
MP	MILEPOST
NO.	NUMBER
OCs	OCCUPANCY CONTROL SYSTEM
OH	OVERHEAD
OOS	OUT OF SERVICE
P	PASSENGER (SPEED)
RES LIM	RESTRICTED LIMITS
RL	RAIL LUBRICATOR
SIGs	SIGNALS
SBC	SHOULDER BALLAST CLEANING
SLD	SHIFTED LOAD DETECTOR
SLTD	SHIFTED LOAD WITH TOP DETECTOR
S SW	SPRING SWITCH
T.O.	TURNOUT
TRK	TRACK
TPD	TRUCK PERFORMANCE DETECTOR
TWC	TRACK WARRANT CONTROL
UC	UNDERCUT
WILD	WHEEL IMPACT LOAD DETECTOR
YL	YARD LIMIT

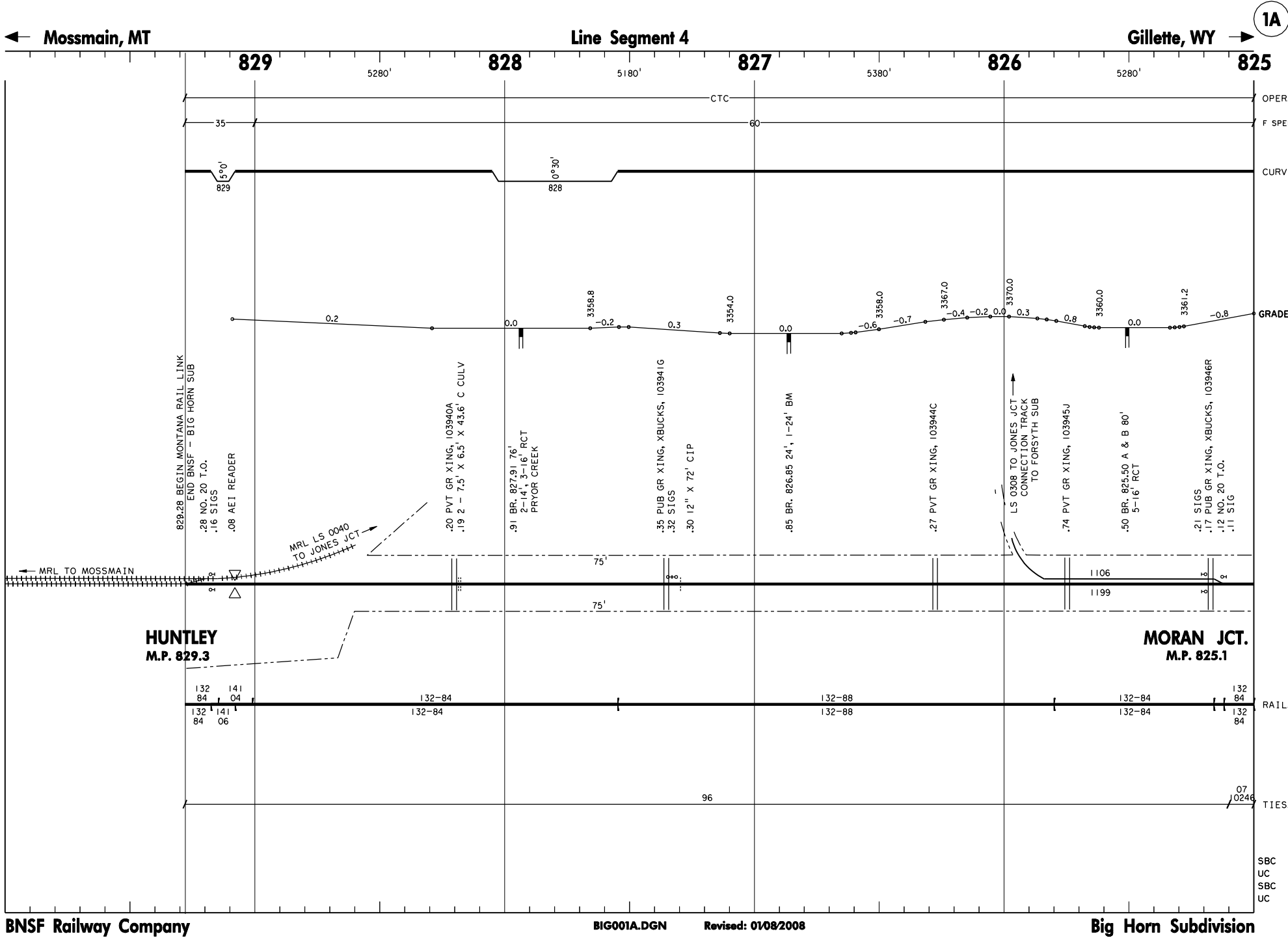
MISCELLANEOUS

AVE	AVENUE
BLVD	BOULEVARD
CO	COUNTY
CONN	CONNECTION
CONST	CONSTRUCTED
CR	CREEK OR CRUSHED ROCK
DBL	DOUBLE
DIV	DIVISION
DR	DRIVE
E	EAST
EL	ELEVATION
F LT P	FLOOD LIGHT POLE
F LT T	FLOOD LIGHT TOWER
FRT	FREIGHT
GR	AT GRADE
HO	HOUSE
HWY	HIGHWAY
IND	INDUSTRY
JCT	JUNCTION
JT	JOINT
LT	LEFT
MAX	MAXIMUM
MTCE	MAINTENANCE
NO	NORTH
OH	OVERHEAD
OP	OVERPASS
PED	PEDESTRIAN
PK	PARKWAY
PO	POWER
PSGR	PASSENGER
PUB	PUBLIC
PVT	PRIVATE
RD	ROAD
RESERV	RESERVOIR
RIV	RIVER
RR	RAILROAD
RT	RIGHT
RW	RIGHT-OF-WAY
RY	RAILWAY
SEC	SECTION
SO	SOUTH
ST	STREET
STA	STATION
SUB	SUBDIVISION
TPL	TRIPLE
UP	UNDERPASS
W	WEST
YD	YARD
XBUCKS	CROSSBUCKS
XING	CROSSING

Line Segment 308

Gillette, WY → 1





Line Segment 5

Bridger Jct., WY →

1

515

RES LIM OPER.

20 F SPEED.

515 CURVES.

7° 30'
7° 30'

.10 .28 GRADE

.56 NO. 11 T.O.

.20 RL
.19 NO. 11 T.O.
.18 24" RCP-30"

.18 NO. 9 T.O.

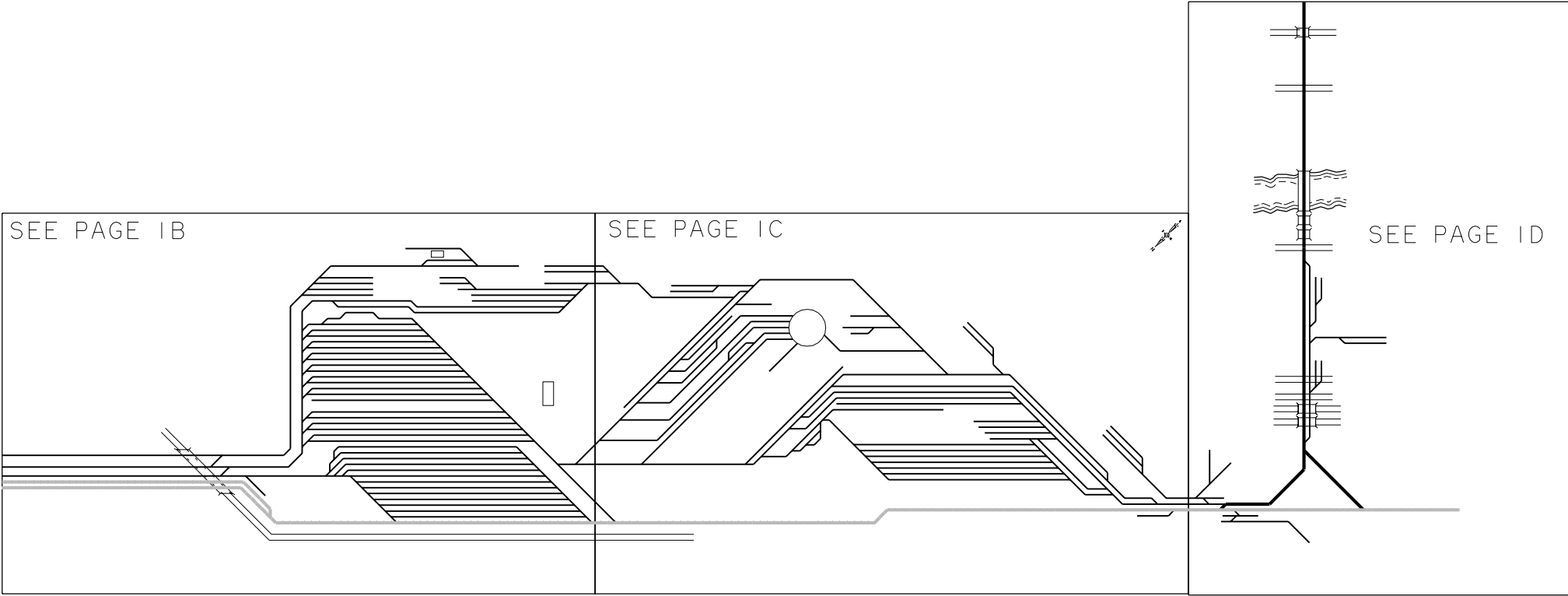
.05 PUB GR XING, XBUCKS, 104001W
S 4TH ST
.03 SIG

← MRL
BNSF OPERATES OVER THE MONTANA RAIL LINK
BETWEEN LAUREL AND MOSSMAIN
TO THE LAUREL SUBDIVISION
AND
BETWEEN LAUREL AND HUNTLEY
TO THE BIG HORN SUBDIVISION

115-74 131
74 74
115-74 131
74 74 RAIL.

85 TIES.

SBC
UC
SBC
UC



- BNSF OWNED & MAINT
- - - INDUSTRY OWNED & BNSF MAINT
- - - IND OWNED & MAINT
- ▭ LEASE
- ▭ TRACKAGE RIGHTS
- FOREIGN TRACK
- JOINT FACILITIES

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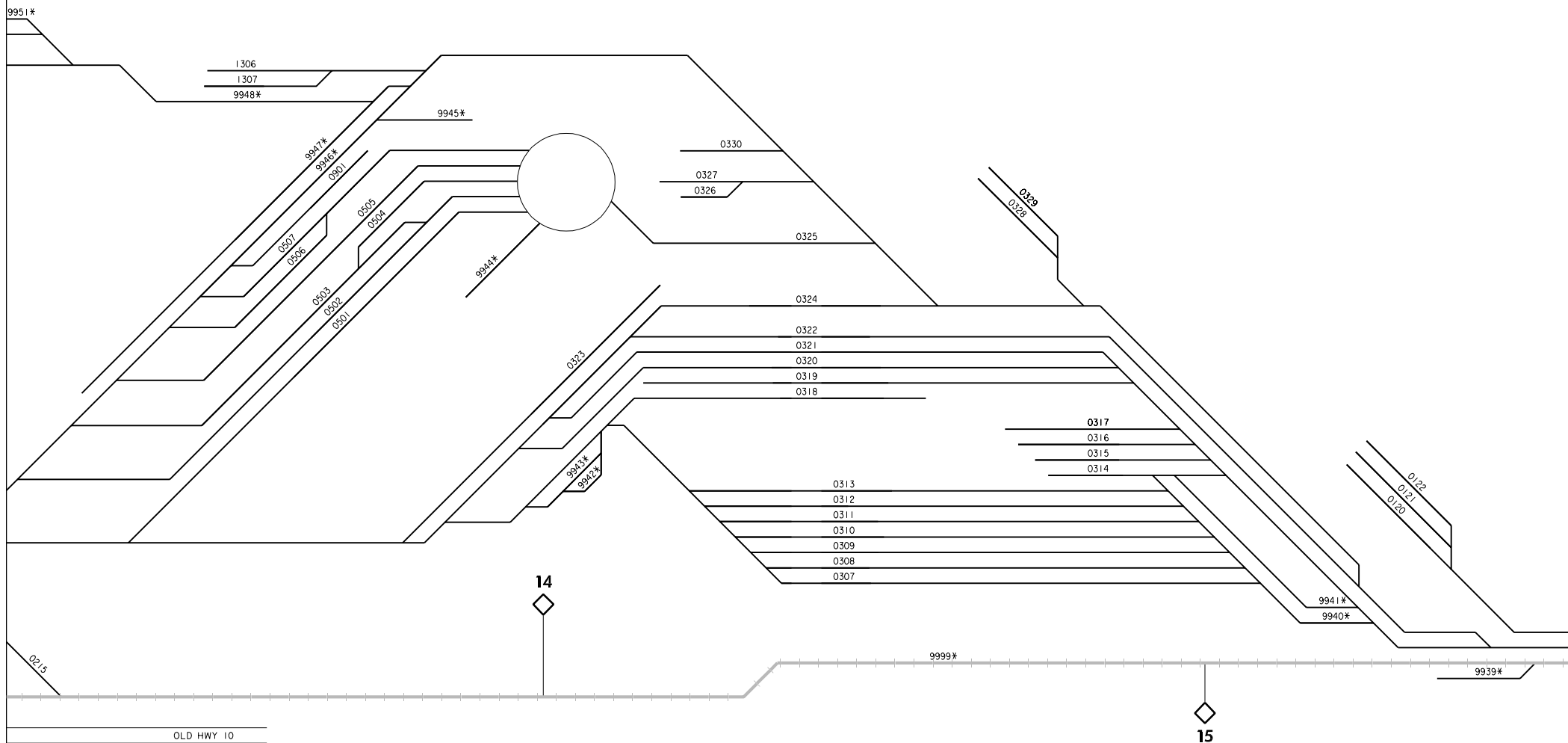
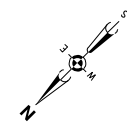
LAUREL, MT
Casper Subdivision

YARD SEGMENT: 736	REVISED: 04/07/2004
STATION ABBR: LAURMT	TRK CHT: CAS001A-T.DGN
FSAC: 30855	TEAM:
ZONE: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 09, 12, 13, 15, 83	



Line Segment 5

Bridger Jct., WY →



- BNSF OWNED & MAINT
- INDUSTRY OWNED & BNSF MAINT
- - - IND OWNED & MAINT
- ▭ LEASE
- ▬ TRACKAGE RIGHTS
- + + + FOREIGN TRACK
- - - JOINT FACILITIES

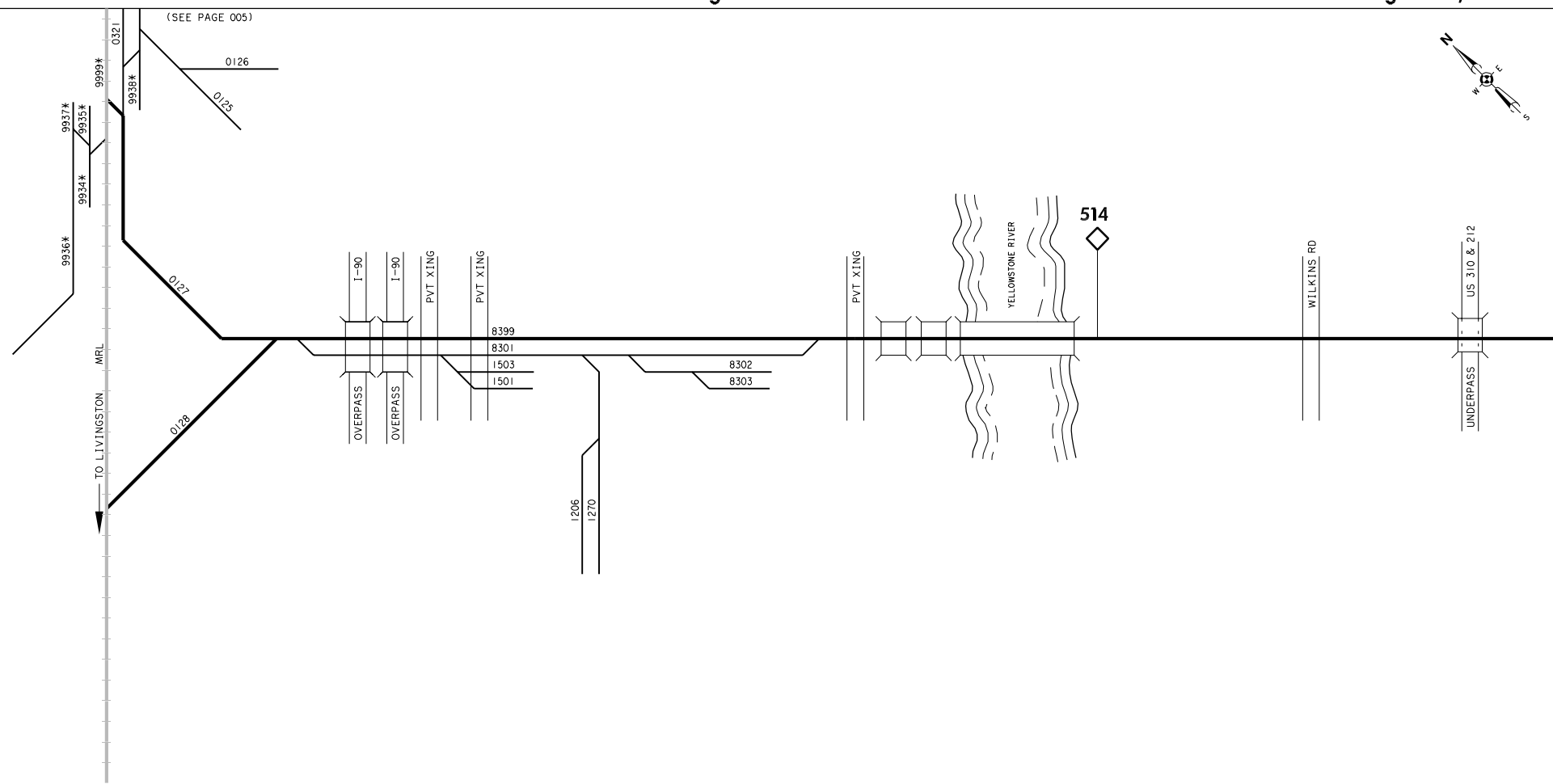
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Casper Subdivision

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FSAC: 30855	TEAM: LAUR01007.DGN
ZONE: 01, 02, 03, 05, 09, 13	

Line Segment 5

Bridger Jct., WY →

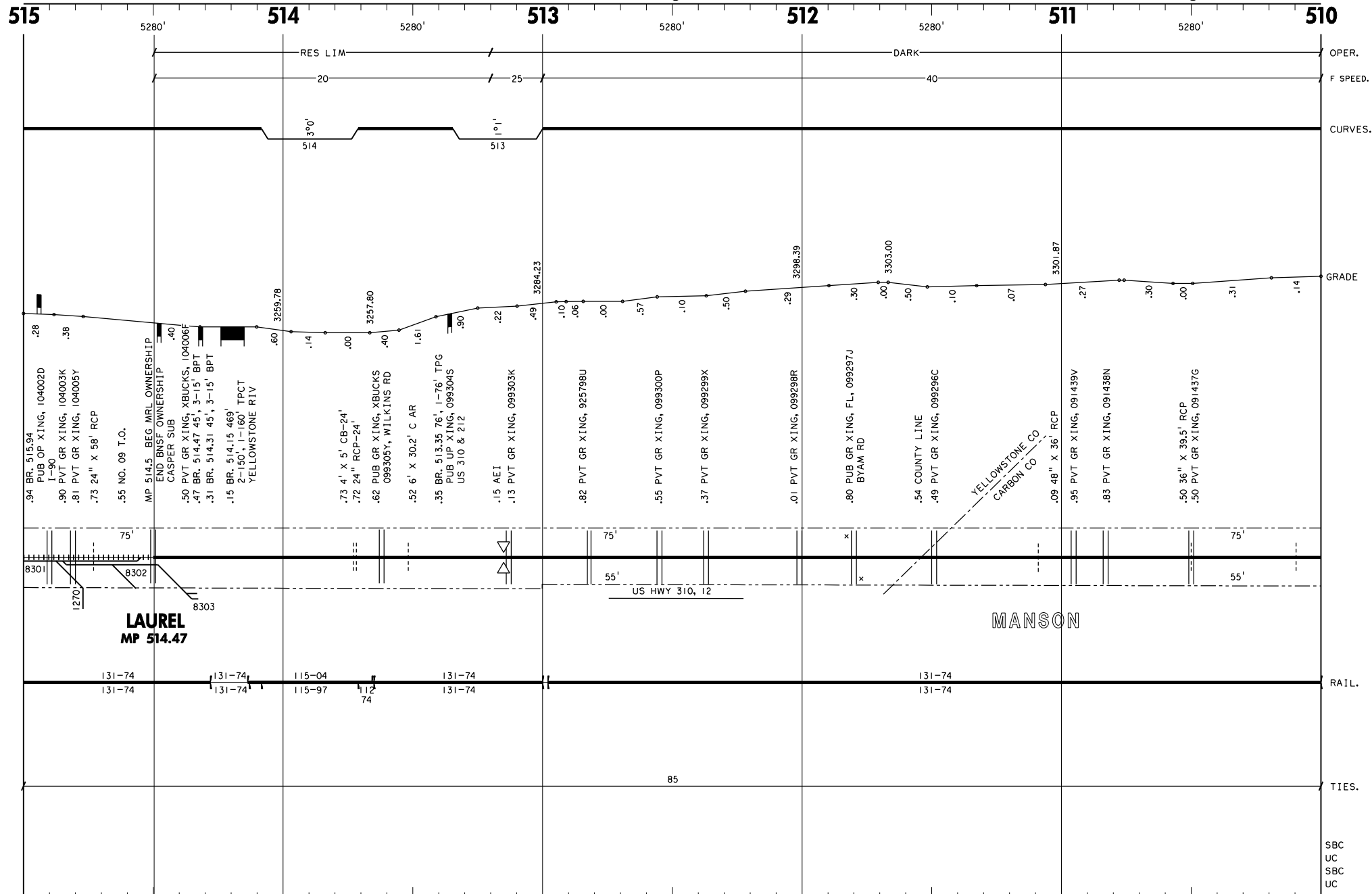


- BNSF OWNED & MAINT
- INDUSTRY OWNED & BNSF MAINT
- - - IND OWNED & MAINT
- ▭ LEASE
- ▭ TRACKAGE RIGHTS
- + + + FOREIGN TRACK
- + + + JOINT FACILITIES

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LAUREL, MT
Casper Subdivision

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FSAC: 30855	TEAM: LAUR01009.DGN
ZONE: 01, 03, 12, 15, 83	



← Eureka, MT

Line Segment 389

1250

1249

5251'

DARK

10

1°0'

1250

2°33'

1248

.20

.00

3272.40

.66 NO. 15 T.O.

.36 PUB GR XING, XBUCKS, 059263F

BEGIN MISSION MOUNTAIN RR

.35 END BNSF OWNERSHIP

.00 30" X 72' CP

36" X 16' CP

.82 36" X 96' CP

.72 NO. 11 T.O.

.517 NO. 11 T.O.#

BEGIN EUREKA SUBDIVISION

TO WHITEFISH
KOOTENAI RIVER SUBDIVISION
LS 36

MMT

CAP 4946'

115-54

115-54

131-1948

131-1948

131-1940

131-1940

94

STRYKER
MP 1248.5

TO SANDPOINT JCT

BNSF Railway Company

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Eureka Subdivision

OPER.

F SPEED.

CURVES.

GRADE

RAIL.

TIES.

SBC

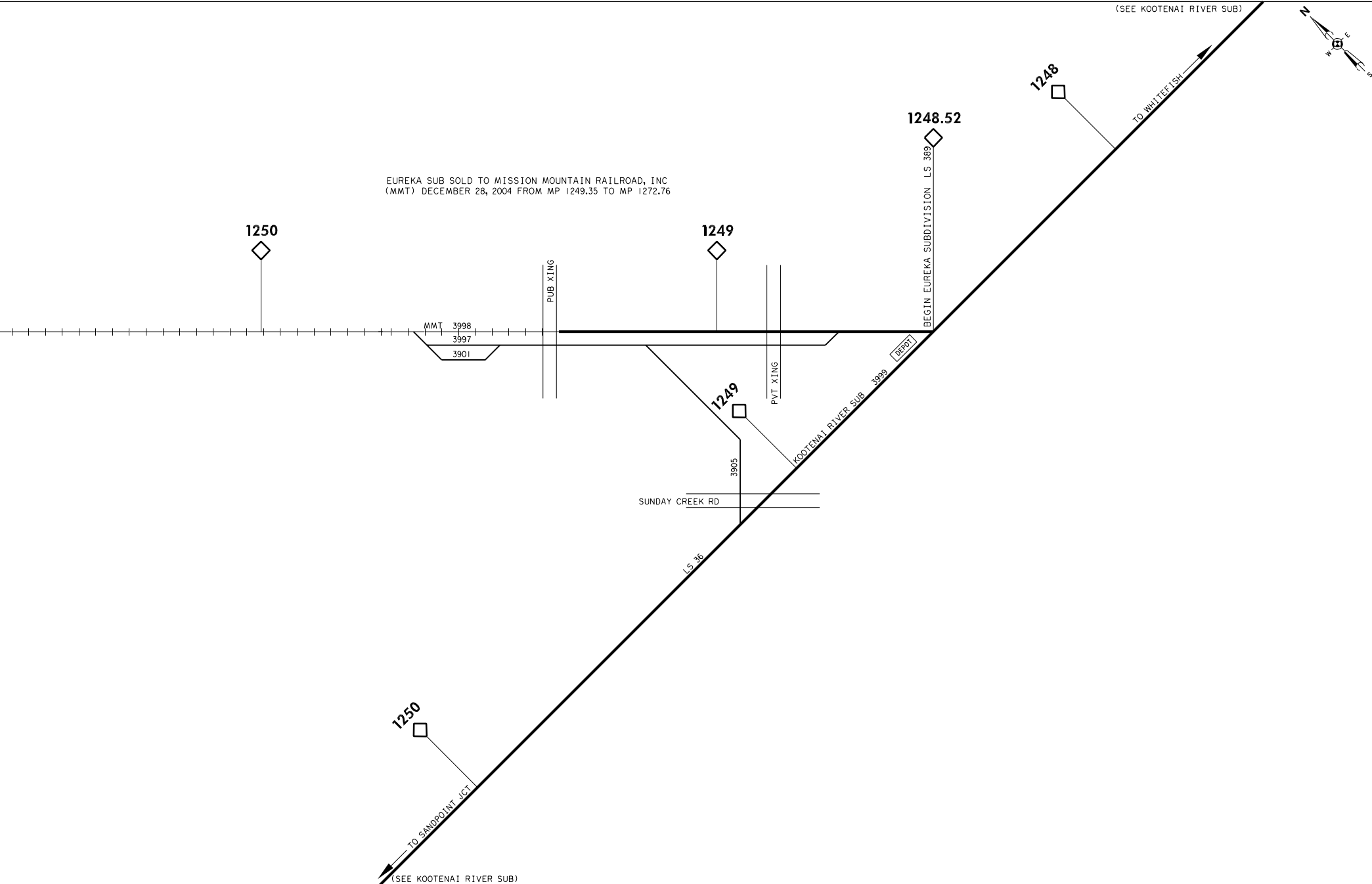
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SBC

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← Eureka, MT

Line Segment 389

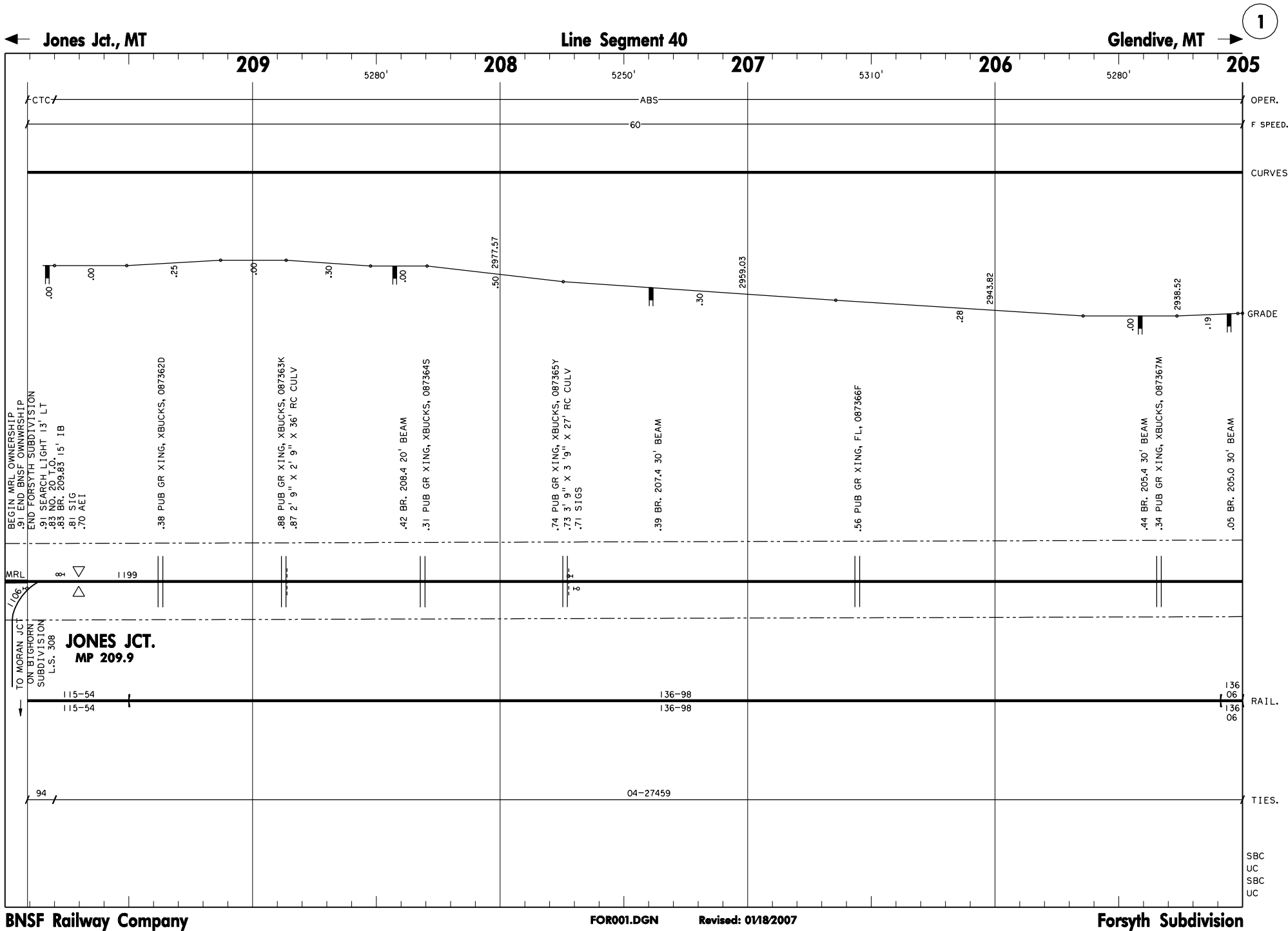


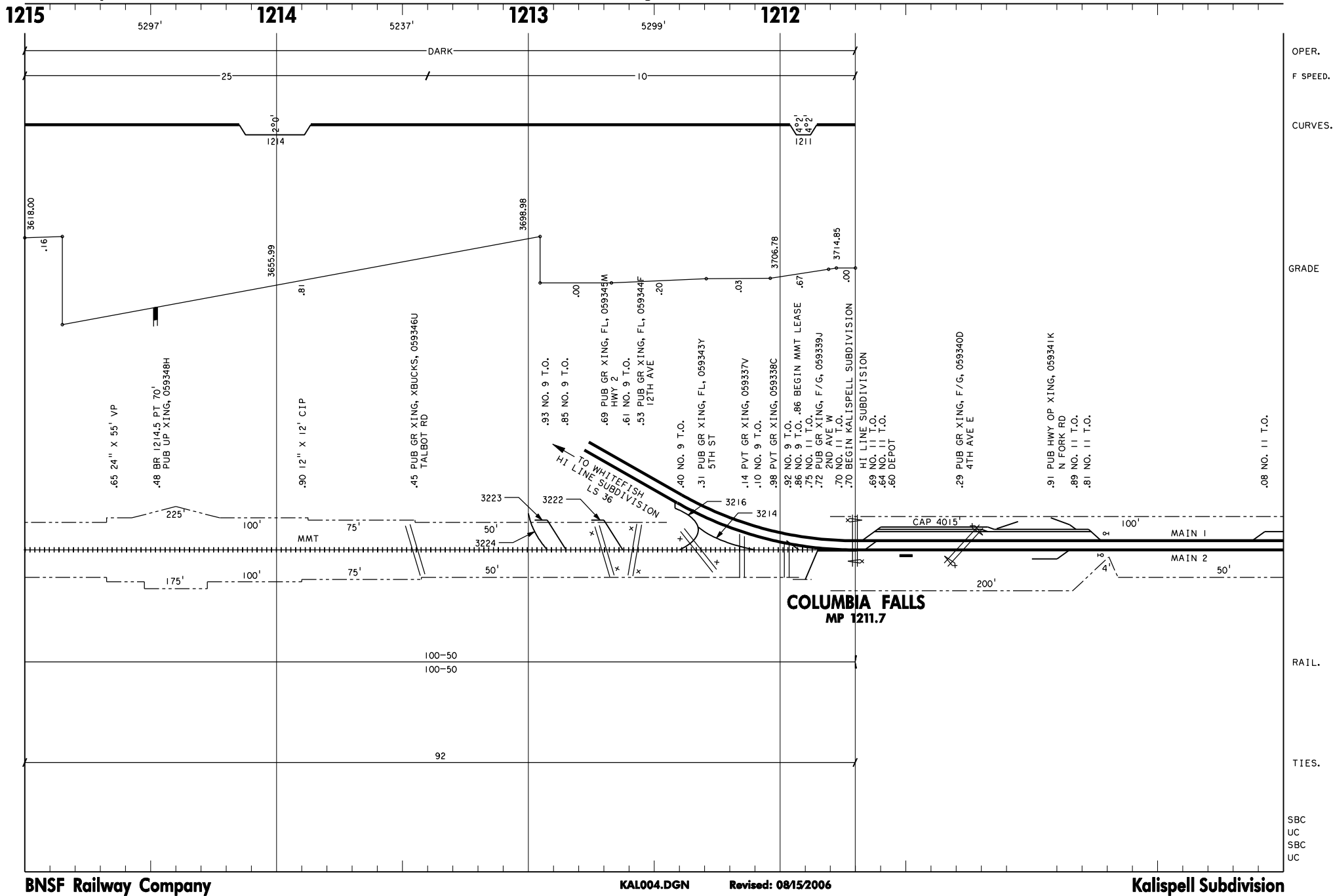
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STRYKER, MT
Eureka Subdivision

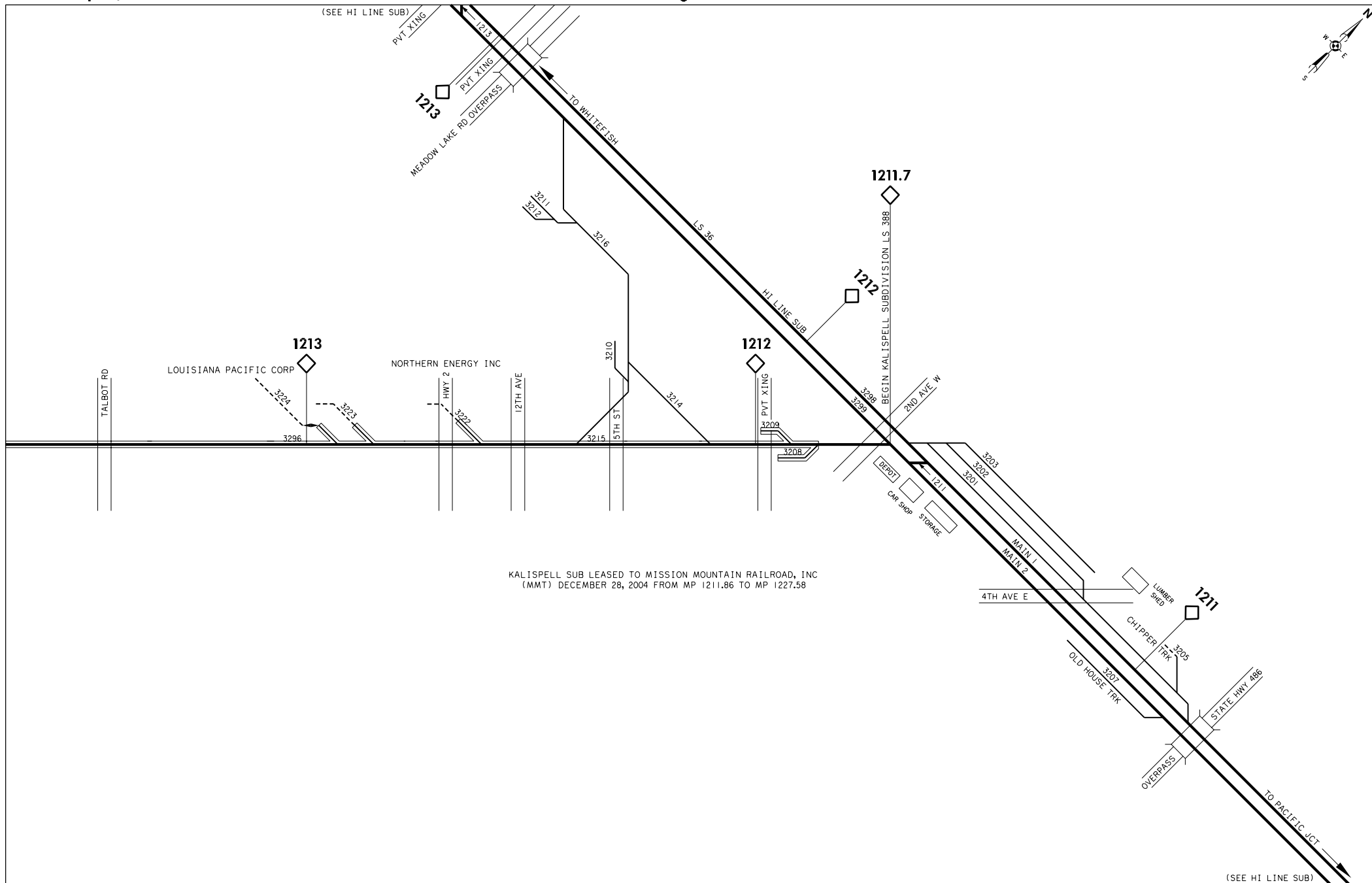
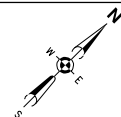
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ZONE: 39	





← Kalispell, MT

Line Segment 388



KALISPELL SUB LEASED TO MISSION MOUNTAIN RAILROAD, INC
(MMT) DECEMBER 28, 2004 FROM MP 1211.86 TO MP 1227.58

(SEE HI LINE SUB)



- BNSF OWNED & MAINT
- INDUSTRY OWNED & BNSF MAINT
- IND OWNED & MAINT
- LEASE
- TRACKAGE RIGHTS
- FOREIGN TRACK
- JOINT FACILITIES

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COLUMBIA FALLS, MT Kalispell Subdivision

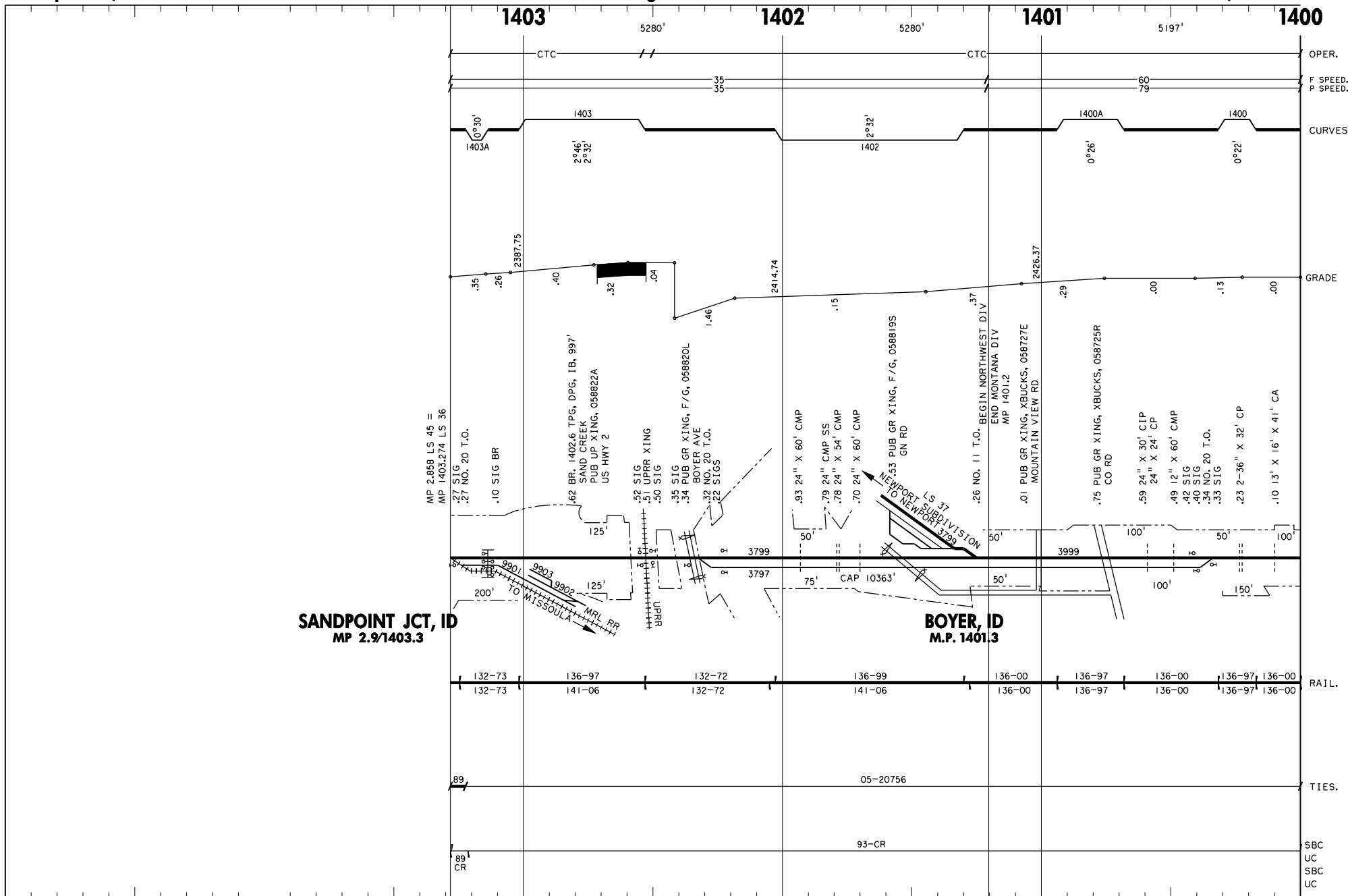
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← Spokane, WA

Line Segment 36

Whitefish, MT →

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BNSF Railway Company

KOO016.DGN

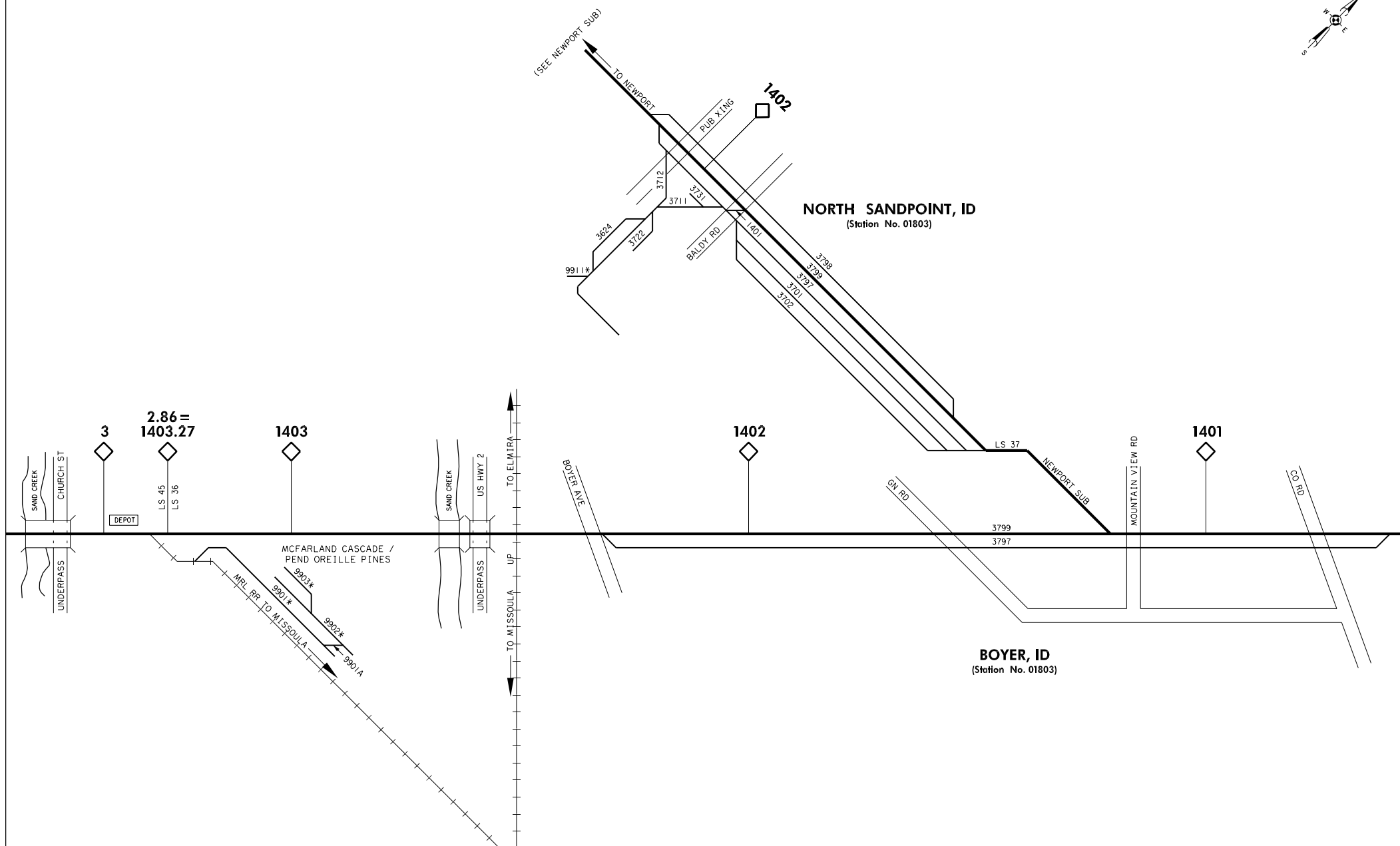
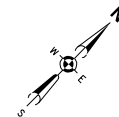
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Kootenai River Subdivision

← Spokane, WA

Line Segment 36

Whitefish, MT →



BNSF OWNED & MAINT
 INDUSTRY OWNED & BNSF MAINT
 IND OWNED & MAINT
 LEASE
 TRACAGE RIGHTS
 FOREIGN TRACK
 JOINT FACILITIES

← NB Great Falls, MT

Line Segment 362

