

125,000 Man Hours Without Injury



Congratulations to Hamilton's equipment company as they have reached 125,000 man hours without an injury. The last MO was September 29, 2015! The bulk of these hours are made up between Hamilton's Springfield, Oregon and Olympia, Washington yards. We

cannot forget the countless hours spent on the jobsites in every division of Hamilton, from Alaska to Colorado and everything in between. Our tasks not only include loading/unloading trucks and equipment, but we also spend a lot of time traveling and delivering materials to jobsites that are not familiar to us and are in various stages of construction with various levels of hazards we don't see on a daily basis. We also have a great team of mechanics who travel extensively, who are often working alone making repairs and servicing our equipment. They also support the railroad change-outs, again often in unfamiliar surroundings with unfamiliar hazards. In addition, we all are required to react to ever changing circumstances throughout the day that impact our plans, forcing us to make changes several times with little or no notice.

We take a lot of pride in our safety culture and credit our success to several things. Basically it all boils down to communication, being diligent with our daily huddles, tool box talks, JHAs, and following through with the safety protocol set for us by Hamilton's safety department.

Most importantly, we are very proud of our people. We put a high value on every individual's wellbeing and recognize our people are our greatest asset. We would like to thank them all for their efforts and encourage them to keep up the good work!

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Equipment and Yard Manager



Project Performance Excellence

The BNSF Bridge 47.0-58.8 Fallbridge Subdivision project, located in Skamania County, Washington, is the largest rail project in Hamilton history with Pat Prescott as project manager. It includes replacing two bridges. The largest of the two bridges will involve building a 260-foot-long steel truss in Portland, Oregon and transporting it by barge up the Columbia River and then floating it into place.

With the job underway, Hamilton received this appreciation from the BNSF project engineer on the BNSF Fallbridge Subdivision:

"I don't want to lose sight of the successful pour we had at bridge 58.8. Performing work over live railroad track is extremely rare, but thanks to solid planning and communication by all, we got it done safely, without impacting train traffic."

Great job Pat and crew!



Springfield, Oregon yard (left to right): Steve Smith, Mark Kombol, and Carl Anderson holding their celebratory gifts – a Duluth Trading Company bag with the Hamilton logo.



Olympia, Washington yard (left to right): Tim Chamberlain, Seth Haskins, and Josh Johnson

Not shown: Dan Branson, Chris Dickson, Willie Johnson, Brian Martel, Allen Tobin, Kevin Wanke, and Gabe Zavala