

MOUNTAIN PACIFIC LINES
COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL
Operating Sessions

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1. Dispatcher must clear trains to next station(s)
2. Entering Flag Yard: Requires communication from Dispatcher to Conductor
 - Dispatcher: requests yardmaster to align trackage for arrival
 - Yardmaster: confirms alignment set for train arrival
3. Leaving Flagstaff Yard: Requires communication from Yardmaster and Conductor of train
 - Yardmaster: Notifies Dispatcher of pending departure
 - Dispatcher: Grants permission to Conductor to enter mainline from yard, or to Hold.
4. Dispatcher may be requested to throw turnouts under dispatcher control
 - * Flagstaff yardmaster controls crossovers to main from yard IF yardmaster present

C = Conductor of train Y = Yardmaster D = Dispatcher

NOTES:

- OVER means I expect an answer and am not through with the communication
- OUT means I have completed my communication and the airway is open for another conversation. (You cannot have over and out)
- ROGER is the RR positive acknowledgement. (10-4 good buddy is never used)

EXAMPLE: Departing Train on Main

C – Dispatch, this is OP-103, OVER

D – Dispatch answers OP-103, OVER

C - OP-103 requesting permission to depart Ogden, OVER

D - OP-103 has permission to depart Ogden, with clearance to Hill Valley. Dispatch OUT

C - OP-103 departing Ogden, OUT

EXAMPLE: Local departing Flag Yard

Y – Dispatch, this is Flag Yardmaster, OVER

D – Dispatch answers Flag Yardmaster, OVER

Y - Hill Valley local is ready to depart via crossover 15, OVER

D - Hold Hill Valley local {until TRAIN XX passes} – (Means: HV Local is next to use Main Track, so could move up to XR 15). Dispatch OUT.

[D - Could say Hill Valley Local, STANDBY and work other trains, Then HV Local would not move.]

D – Dispatch calls Conductor Hill Valley Local, OVER

Y - Hill Valley Local answers Dispatch, OVER

D - Hill Valley local may depart via crossover 15, with clearance to Rocks, OVER

C – Hill Valley local, departing Flag Yard with clearance to Rocks, OUT

D – Dispatch OUT

C – Dispatch, this is Hill Valley Local, OVER

C – Dispatch answers Conductor Hill Valley Local, OVER

C - Hill Valley Local is clear of crossover 15, OVER

D – Hill Valley Local is clear of crossover 15, OUT

C – Hill Valley Local OUT

EXAMPLE: Arriving Train into Flag Yard

C – Conductor OP-3 calls Dispatch, OVER

D – Dispatch answers Conductor OP-3, OVER

C – OP-3 is approaching Flag Yard from North, OVER

D – Dispatch calls Flag yard, OVER

Y - Flag Yard answers Dispatch, OVER

D - OP-3 is approaching Flag Yard from the north. OVER

Y - Will prepare for OP-3 arrival, STANDBY.

(yardmaster makes sure an arrival track is clear and aligned)

Y – Dispatch, OP-3 is aligned into Track AD, OVER

D – ROGER, OP-3 is aligned into TRACK AD, OVER

C Conductor OP-3, I am aligned into Track AD, OVER

D - That is correct, Dispatch OUT

C - Conductor OUT

Y – Flag Yard, OUT.