

Canada Spokane & Pacific

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The HO Canada Spokane and Pacific Railroad (CS&P) is a freelanced bridge line jointly owned by Burlington Northern and Canadian Pacific set in June, 1981. A long mountainous single track mainline connects five modeled towns with Spokane, Washington with Calgary, Alberta on this 40'x 35' point to point railroad. The design features wide aisles and a comfortable lounge for off duty crews. The scenery is 100% complete. The layout is operated by wireless NCE DCC and all trains are headed by sound equipped diesels. A replica US&S CTC machine is utilized for dispatching. Operating sessions feature a wide variety of local, manifest, and through freights as well as streamlined passenger trains. There is a large yard in Nelson, BC as well as several opportunities for switching at over 20 industries.

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Layout at a glance

Name: Canada Spokane & Pacific
Scale: HO
Size: 40 X35
Prototype: Burlington Northern, Canadian Pacific
Locale: Pacific Northwest
Era: Late 70s / Early 80s
Style: Point to point walk around
Mainline run: 230 feet, single track
Minimum radius: 30"
Minimum turnout: #6
Maximum grade: 2.0%
Benchwork: L-girder
Height: 40" to 47"; No duck-unders
Roadbed: Homabed
Track: Code 83 Atlas flex
Scenery: Hardshell, foam board, rock castings
Backdrops: Custom photo shop – LARC Products
Control: Wireless NCE DCC

Operating positions:

Dispatcher (1): Issues verbal track warrants and sets up meets. Position is filled by a CS&P regular.

Nelson Yardmaster & Assistant (2): Classifies cars in a 7 track yard. Picks up and sets out cars onto appropriate arriving freights. Builds local turns. Switches 1 industry.

Road Crews (10-12): Operate an assortment of freight and passenger trains. Crews typically run mix of through trains and trains requiring switching as either one or two-person crews. Passenger trains consist of the streamliners *Northwest Ltd* and the *Mountain International*. Most trains originate and terminate in double ended staging yard.

Kettle Falls Local Crew (1-2): Switches Kettle Falls industries. Sets out and picks up cars from two mainline freights.

Comments:

Nineteen trains will be run during an operating session. A 6:1 fast clock is utilized, but trains are not run to a timetable. A large comfortable lounge is available to crews between runs. Communication between the dispatcher and crews is via FRF radios. Scenery is 100% complete.