

2025 OUTBACK RAILROAD ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 12

4:00-6:00 Outback Conference Registration

TUESDAY, MAY 13

7:00-8:00 Outback Conference Registration

General Session - Pine Crest Room A

8:00-8:10 Welcome & Safety Briefing

8:10-8:20 Thank you Sponsors/Vendors and Introductions

8:20-9:50 NTSB - Rail Accident Investigation Overview (What to expect if NTSB is on your property) - Mike Bachmeier, NTSB

9:50-10:20 **Break With Vendors. Get Your Vendor Card Stamped!**

10:20-11:00 Establishing Protection When Working With Multiple Crafts - Ed McCullough and Stacy Thompson, FRA

11:00-12:00 Understanding When FRA or OSHA Regulations Apply To Railroads - Rick Bellew, Track Tech, Inc.

12:00-1:00 **Break With Vendors. Get Your Vendor Card Stamped!**

1:00-2:00 Railroad Retirement Board - Unemployment Benefits, Retirement, Etc - Michele Jones, Railroad Retirement Board

Pine Crest Room A - Maintenance of Way Track

2:00-3:00 HyRail Vehicles and Their Annual Inspection - Dakota Fluid Power

3:00-3:30 **Break With Vendors. Get Your Vendor Card Stamped!**

3:30-5:30 DOT & Federal Motor Carriers Regulations That Apply to Railroads - South Dakota Highway Patrol

4:30-6:00 Outback Conference Registration

6:00-7:30 **Meet & Greet In The Vendor Room! Get Your Vendor Card Stamped - LAST CHANCE!**

Bullock Room - Operations Track

2:00-3:00 Conductor/Engineer Certification Discrepancies Found - Kevin Lewis, FRA

3:00-3:30 **Break With Vendors. Get Your Vendor Card Stamped!**

3:30-4:30 Practical Drift And How It Affects The Railroad - Sam Cotton and Ryan Risdon, SLSI

4:30-5:30 49 CFR 225 Reporting - Jordan Davis, RailPros



WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

7:00-8:00 Outback Conference Registration

General Session - Pine Crest Room A

8:00-8:15 Welcome & Safety Briefing - **Vendor Card Drawing, Must Be Present To Win!**

8:15-9:30 The Little Railroad That Thought It Could, And Did! - Kyle Jeschke, Mission Mountain Railroad - 2024 ASLRRA Business Development Award Winner

9:30-9:45 Load Buses For Hill City - Outside Conference Room Doors

9:45-11:00 Bus Ride From Deadwood to Hill City

11:00-11:30 Load 1880 Train at Hill City

11:30-1:45 1880 Train Ride From Hill City To Keystone And Return (Ride Is One Hour Each Direction With Restrooms At Hill City And Keystone)

1:45-1:55 Detrain And Restroom Break

1:55-2:00 Briefing Near South Dakota State Railroad Museum Entrance

Outdoor Exhibit - Maintenance of Way Track

2:00-3:00 Switch Grinding And Q&A - Joey Pachak, Razor Safe

2:00-3:30 The South Dakota State Railroad Museum Will Be Open! - Rick Mills, Curator

3:30-3:45 Load Buses For The Lodge At Deadwood - In Front of South Dakota State Railroad Museum

3:45-5:00 Bus Ride From Hill City To Deadwood

Outdoor Exhibit - Mechanical Track

2:00-3:00 Locomotive/Railcar Inspection And Compliance - Mike Blackwell and Milo Voit, FRA

Evening **Dinner On Your Own (Networking And Vendor Entertainment Opportunity) - End of Conference. Thank you for attending!**