

Appendix B: Rail Accidents/Incidents in Study Area

Highway/Rail Crossing Incidents in Eureka County, 1975-2005*															
Number	County	Mo/Day	Year	RR Incident #	Rail equipment	Consist Length	Highway User	Crossing Protection	Tot KId	Tot Inj	Hazmats Present?	Crossing ID	Type Road	Highway Name	Description of incident
70	EUREKA	31-Jul	1981	UP 58341	Yard/Switch	5	Truck	None	0	0	no		Private	PRIVATE XING-SP	a yard/switching consist operated by UPRR hit a truck at approximately 1:55 PM. The incident occurred in/near Palisade. The rail equipment was reported to have been traveling at 15 Mph with 3 locomotive(s) and 2 cars(s). The truck had been traveling in a southerly direction at 15 Mph. The railroad was operating on main line track over a private road crossing. It was clear, during the day and the temperature was 95. There were no reported deaths or injuries. The highway user was moving on the crossing. There were 3 occupant(s) in the vehicle. The view of the track was not obstructed
71	EUREKA	31-Jan	1992	UP Q0022	Freight trn	53	Trk& Trail	Cross bucks	0	0	no	740832J	Private	PRIVATE	A freight train operated by UPRR hit a truck & trailer at approximately 9:09AM on a private road. The incident occurred in/near Barth. The rail equipment was reported to have been traveling at 45 Mph with 2 locomotive(s) and 51 cars(s). The truck and trailer had been traveling north at 5 mph. The railroad was operating on main line track over a private road crossing. It was clear, during the day and the temperature was 40. There were no reported deaths or injuries. The highway user was moving on the crossing and was reported to have not stopped. There was 1 occupant in the vehicle. The view of the track was not obstructed
72**	EUREKA	21-May	2003	**	Freight trn	**	Trk& Trail	**	0	0	empty cyanide truck	**	Public	SR306	On May 21, 2003, a freight train struck and destroyed the cab of a chemical truck on State Route 306 in Beowawe, NV. According to a Nevada Highway Patrol spokesman, the tractor trailer driver had just started to cross the train tracks when the lights began flashing and the arm barrier signaling the arrival of a train went down. The driver did not have enough time to finish crossing the tracks, so he tried to back up, but was unable to get the truck in reverse. He jumped out before the train hit the cab. The tractor trailer, owned by DuPont in Carlin, had been used to haul cyanide to Cortez Mine, and was empty. A hazardous materials crew from Cortez responded to the accident scene, but there was no chemical spill. No one was injured.
73	EUREKA	29-Jul	2004	UP 0704RS018	Freight trn	102	Trk& Trail	Gates	0	0	no	833452L	Public	GOLD ACRES RD/SR21	On Jul 29, 2004 a freight train operated by Union Pacific RR Co. [UP] hit a truck & trailer at approximately 1:55AM on Gold Acres Rd/SR21. The incident occurred in/near Beowawe. The rail equipment was reported to have been traveling at 50 Mph with 4 locomotives and 98 cars. The truck & trailer had been traveling in a southerly direction. The railroad was operating on main line track over a public road crossing. It was clear, at night and the temperature was 60. There were no reported deaths or injuries. The 40 year old male driver was stopped on the crossing. There was 1 occupant in the vehicle. The view of the track was not obstructed. The crossing was protected by gates, standard flashing lights, bells (audible), crossbucks

SOURCE: Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Safety Analysis Website (<http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/OfficeofSafety/Default.asp>); FRA Accident/Incident and Inspection Query, Reportable Rail Equipment Accidents; Hwy/Rail Detail Report; Nevada; Eureka County; years 1975-2005

*Onehighway/rail accident/incident in this time period is not listed in this table in order to avoid double counting. It is instead listed in the "Railroad Accidents in Eureka Count" chart, since reportable damage occurred to rail equipment.