



[WPPA Short Line Update]

Ross Lane, AVP Government and Industry Affairs
Genesee & Wyoming

November 20, 2025



Since 1899



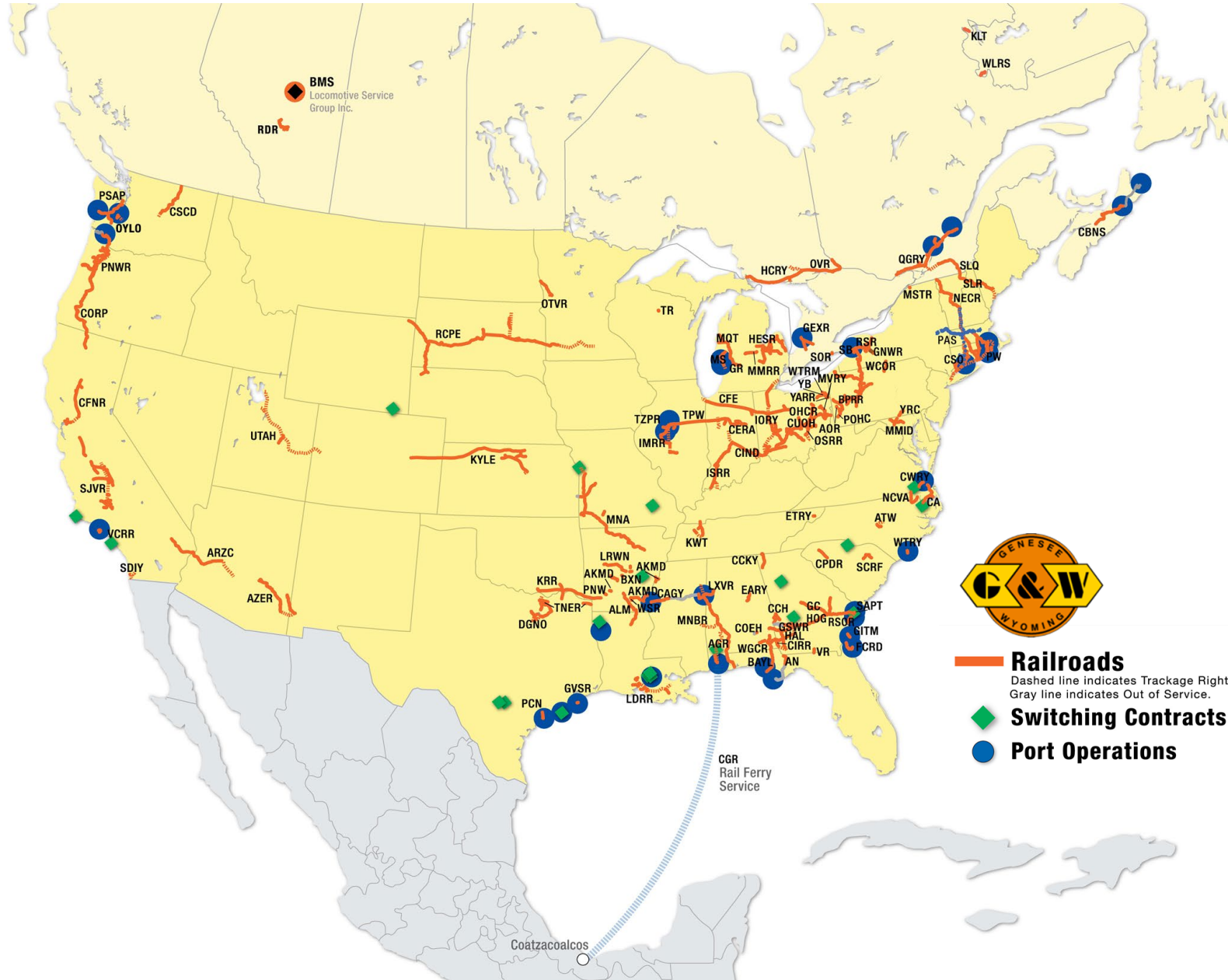
**The original
Genesee and Wyoming Railroad
was 14 miles in upstate NY
serving one customer
that we still serve today**

Fun Fact

“Wyoming” in “Genesee & Wyoming” Refers Not to the U.S. State But to a County in Upstate New York!



G&W Today



- **100+** Railroads
- **4,000** Employees
- **2,000** Customers
- **13,000** Track Miles
- **1.5** Million Carloads

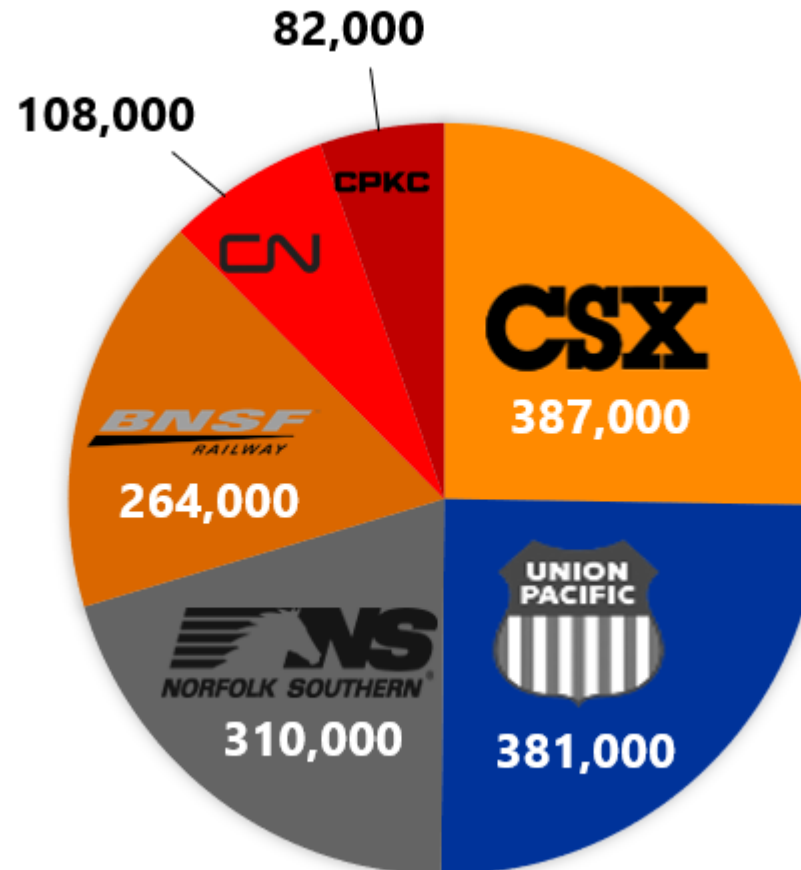


- **Railroads**
Dashed line indicates Trackage Rights.
Gray line indicates Out of Service.
- ◆ **Switching Contracts**
- **Port Operations**

Short Line Railroads:

"First & Last Mile" to the Customer

1.5 Million Carloads Interchanged with Class I Railroads in 2024



Significant Port Railroad Franchise

Scope ranges from ports served by our railroads, to providing “last mile” rail services within Europe’s busiest container port; from municipal port authorities that choose to lease their railroads to the company under long-term contracts, to Freightliner’s complete “dock-to-door” service transporting maritime containers from major U.K. ports through to end delivery.

Ports served include:

- Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Bremerton, Washington
- Brunswick, Georgia
- Buffalo, New York
- Cincinnati, Ohio
- Creve Coeur, Illinois
- Davisville, Rhode Island
- Felixstowe, United Kingdom
- Fernandina, Florida
- Galveston, Texas
- Gdansk, Poland
- Gdynia, Poland
- Goderich, Ontario
- Grand Haven, Michigan
- Grays Harbor, Washington
- Hueneme, California
- London Gateway, United Kingdom
- Lubeck, Germany
- Manistee, Michigan
- Mare Island, California
- Mobile, Alabama
- Muskegon, Michigan
- New Haven, Connecticut
- New London, Connecticut
- Olympia, Washington
- Panama City, Florida
- Pekin, Illinois
- Peoria, Illinois
- Port of Caddo-Bossier, Louisiana
- Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia
- Port Lavaca-Point Comfort, Texas
- Port Westward, Oregon
- Portsmouth, Virginia
- Providence, Rhode Island
- Quebec, Quebec
- Rostock, Germany
- Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Savannah, Georgia (2)
- Southampton, United Kingdom
- St. Joe, Florida
- Sydney, Nova Scotia
- Trois-Rivieres, Quebec
- Wilmington, North Carolina



Overview of Washington's Short Line Network

- 27 short line railroads operating over 1,300 miles
- Serve key sectors: agriculture, timber, manufacturing
 - Mirror the local economies in which they operate
 - The closure of a major customer could lead to the shutdown of an entire short line
- Critical 'first and last mile' connections to Class I railroads (BNSF, UP)
- State-owned PCC system is the largest short line (297 miles)
- Staggers Act allowed short lines to flourish, but challenges remain



Short Line Investment & Modernization

- Federal Discretionary Grants
- Changes to 45G federal tax code
 - 45G impact on safety results on Short Line
- Short Line Investments in Washington
 - Success story at Port of Grays Harbor
 - More investment needed
 - WSDOT FRAP is a key program
- Washington State Tax Credit Effort (SB 5063, HB 1058)
 - Limited to Class II and III Railroads
 - Washington would join ten other states including Oregon
 - B&O and Public Utilities tax credit for rail improvements
 - Sales and use tax exemption for short line railroad materials
 - Importantly, port owned rail infrastructure is also eligible.

Thank you WPPA for your ongoing advocacy and help



Working
Together



WASHINGTON STATE
RAILROAD ASSOCIATION



Our Goal Every Day