



#1. Two UP westbound trains wait for a proper signal at Allen Creek, located just a few miles west of Missouri Valley, Iowa on the "Blair Subdivision". This area that now hosts three sets of track (two mains and a run-around third track for traffic entering or departing the "Sioux City Subdivision") is located just about one mile west of this scene.

#2: The middle track is occupied by a double-stack train, UP 7969 West. This train boasts a quartet of brand new AC45CCTE locomotives.





#3: The signal mast in the center gives a high yellow for UP #7969 to advance and move west.

#4: "UP 7969 West", with four new yellow horses passes by the historic grain elevator at California Junction (known as Cal. Junction to most, including railroaders). The fine white crushed rock in the foreground is the base for the second main line track, and allows room for a third track for staging or run-around service.



Union Pacific's "Blair Subdivision" and "Sioux City Subdivision" intersect at California Junction, Iowa (Cal. Jct.). The junction (and town) boast an historic grain elevator, trackside, which no longer uses rail service from UP, with 2010 population of 85. This would be a great scene to model in H.O. scale! Anyone interested?



#5: West end view of the Cal. Junction grain elevator complex. This elevator is no longer served by rail, but still operates with truck service. The east leg of the wye-track, connecting to the "Sioux City Subdivision" can be seen near the elevator building. The signal masts of both lines indicate that this combined single-track main will be fanning out into three sets of track, just to the east, less than one mile away.

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