

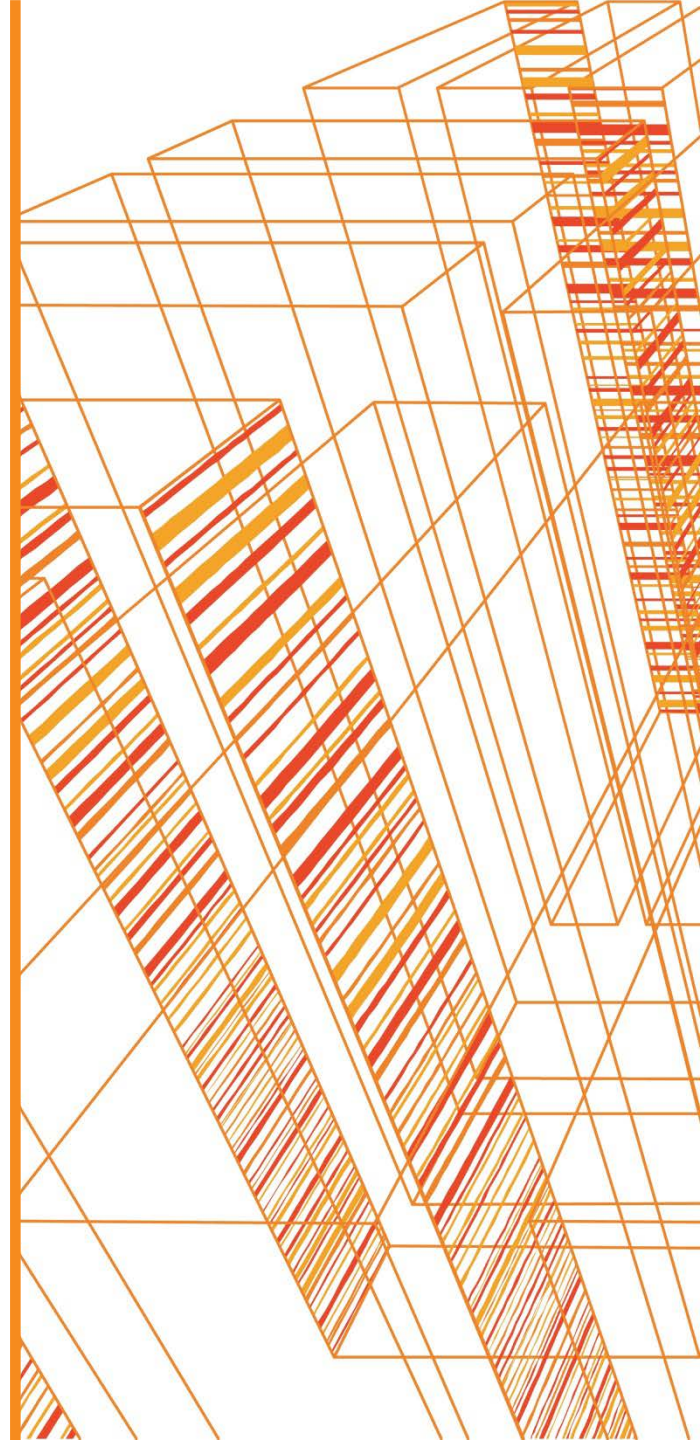
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David Ferryman – who am I?

- 4th Generation Railroad
- Burlington Northern / BNSF
 - Started as a surveyor, Burlington Northern, 1988
 - Intern, Fargo, ND 1989-1990
 - Management Trainee, Lincoln, NE – 1992
 - Project Manager & Roadmaster, Alliance, NE 1995
- Illinois Central
 - Superintendent Engineering, Jackson, MS 1997
- Canadian National Railway (1/3 in United States)
 - Division Engineer, Jackson, MS 1999
 - General Manager, Troy, MI 2000
 - Chief Engineer – US, Chicago, IL 2003
 - VP Engineer – Edmonton & Chicago, 2005 – 2017
- Education:
 - BS Civil Engineering, Colorado State University, 1992
 - MBA, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2012
 - Professional Engineer, State of Mississippi, 2000



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The Challenges Mother Nature presents!

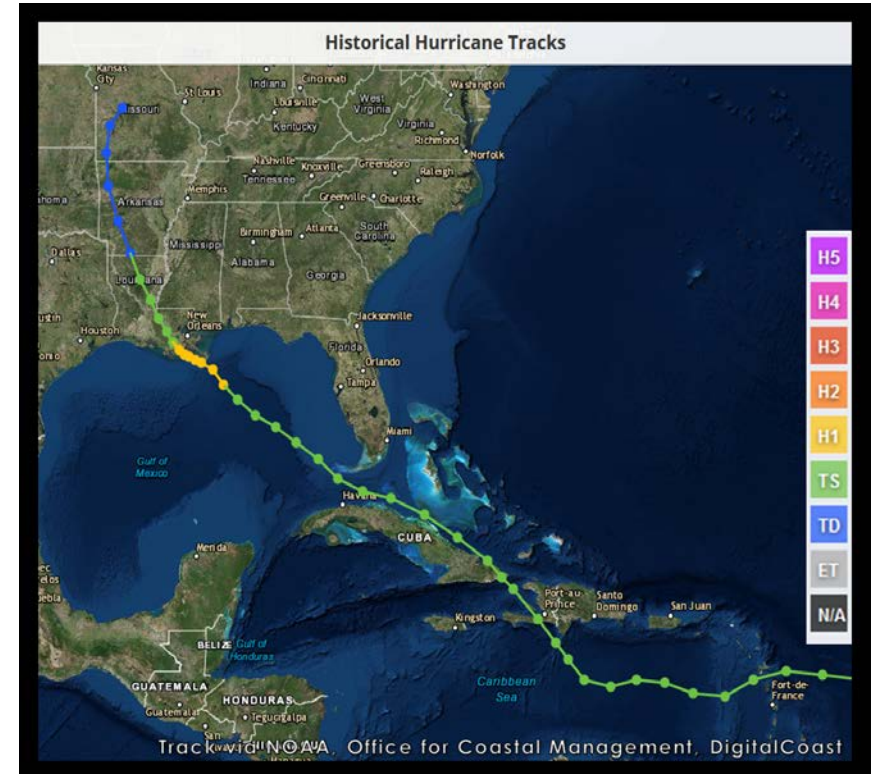
- Hurricanes
- Wild Fires
- Flooding
- Tornadoes
- Earthquakes
- Ground Instability



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My Experiences managing Major Disruptions due to Natural Hazards to illustrate the impacts faced and actions taken:

- Louisiana Hurricanes – Katrina 2005, Issac 2012 – 10 since 2005
 - Storm Surge Track lifted into the Swamp, Bridges removed
 - Installation of Concrete Ties, box culverts
 - 3rd Party Response & Equipment
- Rock Slides in BC – Freeze/Thaw Conditions
 - Heavy duty Rock Sheds
 - Slide Fencing
 - Inspection & Mitigation
- Unstable Subgrade
 - Shear Failures of Subgrade – GPR
 - Mapping Locations & Conditions
- Broken Rails & Trackbuckles
 - Anchor Every Tie where large temperature swings
 - Investment in Safer Rails – K1C Fracture Toughness
- ERA (Engineering Reliability Analytics) – GPS based Heat Mapping



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How does the railroad measure its ability to respond to unexpected disruptions – metrics and data?

- Train Delays – minutes
- Slow Orders - minutes
- Service Outage time and Recovery Time
- Alternate Routing
 - Bottle Neck Management
- Cost & Loss of Revenue



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When making investment decisions, how does the railroad consider the effect of those investments on the ability of the railroad to respond to future unplanned disruptions? Factors, forecasts & data considered?

- Annual Impact of Weather Related Outages – In the Millions
 - Focus on Sustainability
 - Global Warming?
 - Predictive Modeling?
- Appeal to Finance
 - A greater than Normal Investment, ROI?
 - Data & Trend Analysis
 - Largely historic costs



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What other information would I have like to have in making decisions about investing in resilience, but unavailable?

- Relative condition of Infrastructure versus Peers
 - Rail Condition
 - Life Cycle; Defects & Wear Rates
 - Broken Rails/Mile
 - Defects/Mile
 - Avg Curve Wear– mm
 - Tie Condition - % Defective; Life Cycle
 - Ballast & Subgrade
 - Ballast Management Program
 - Performance versus Investment
 - Slow Orders/Mile by Class
- A technology driven regulator
 - Improved Inspection & Monitoring
 - Centralize Monitoring – AI?



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

