

U.P. FREIGHT DERAILMENT  
CLEANUP AND REPAIR

COLFAX, CA

DECEMBER 13-14, 2025

*Roger Staab (rs) & Mike Haire (mh) Photos  
and*

*Screenshots from Mike Haire's Video*



December 13, about 9am

*Roger Staab Photo*



**Derailed on Track 2, Both Tracks Blocked (rs)**



**Another View - Cleanup Crews Have Arrived (*rs*)**



**A Closer Look at Pileup on Track 2; Track 1 & Road are Blocked (rs)**

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**Clearing Two Loaded Cars from Tracks and Road (*Mike Haire Video*)**



***A Little Push (Mike Haire Photo)***

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**Loaded Cars are Now Clear of Track 2 and Partially Clear of Road**

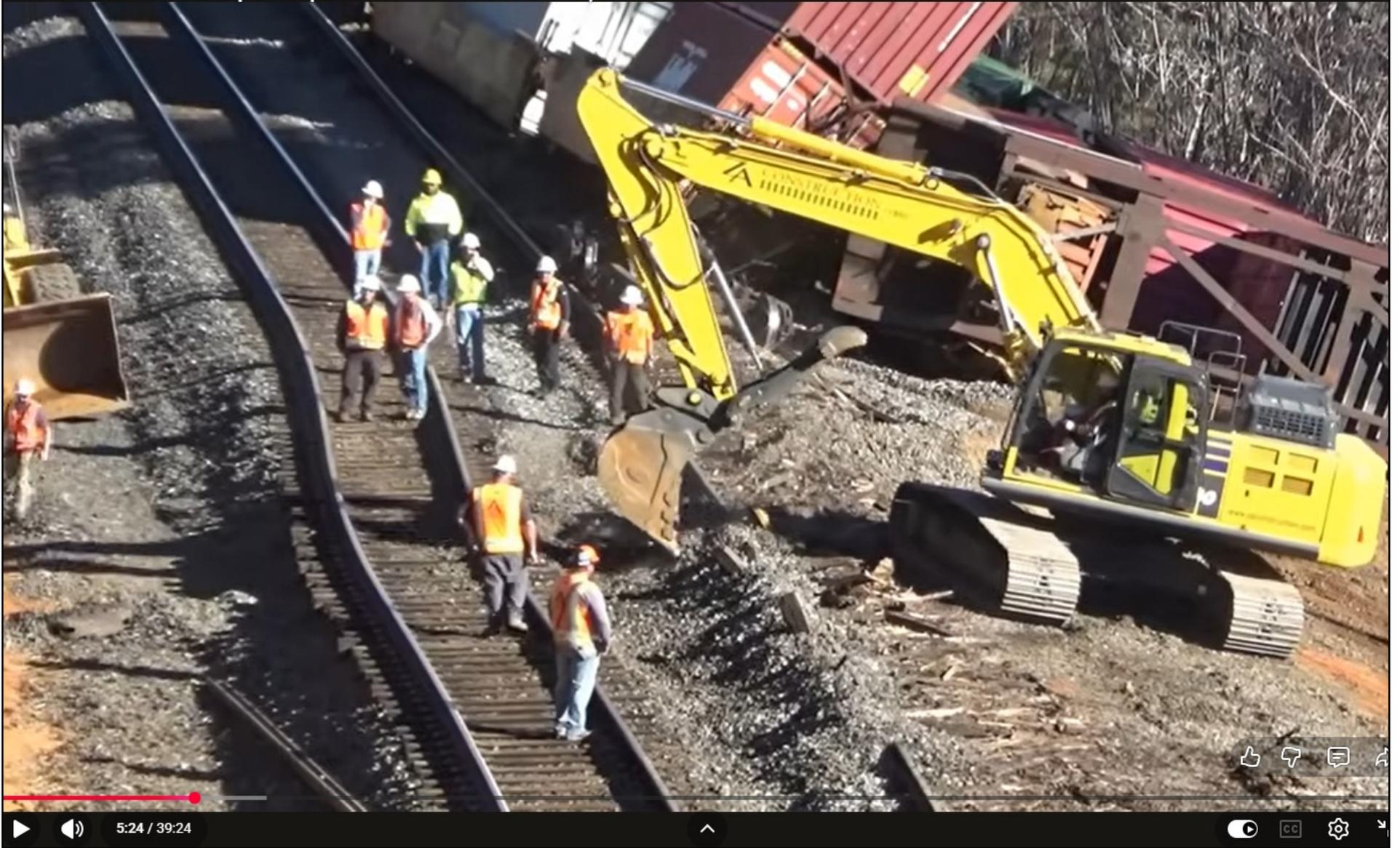


**Need to Move This Piece of Track 2 Rail (*mh*)**



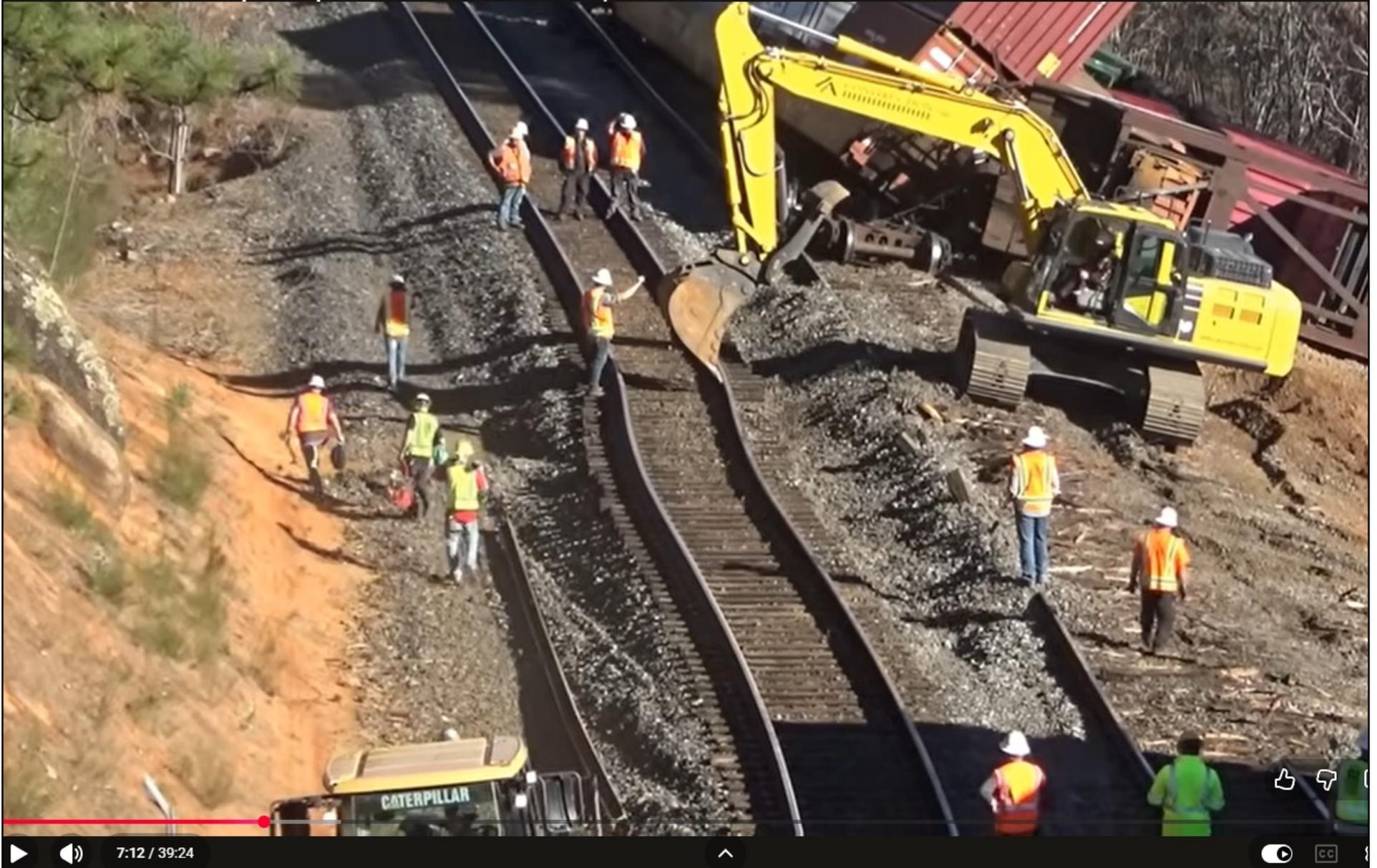
**And Put It There Out of the Way (*mh*)**

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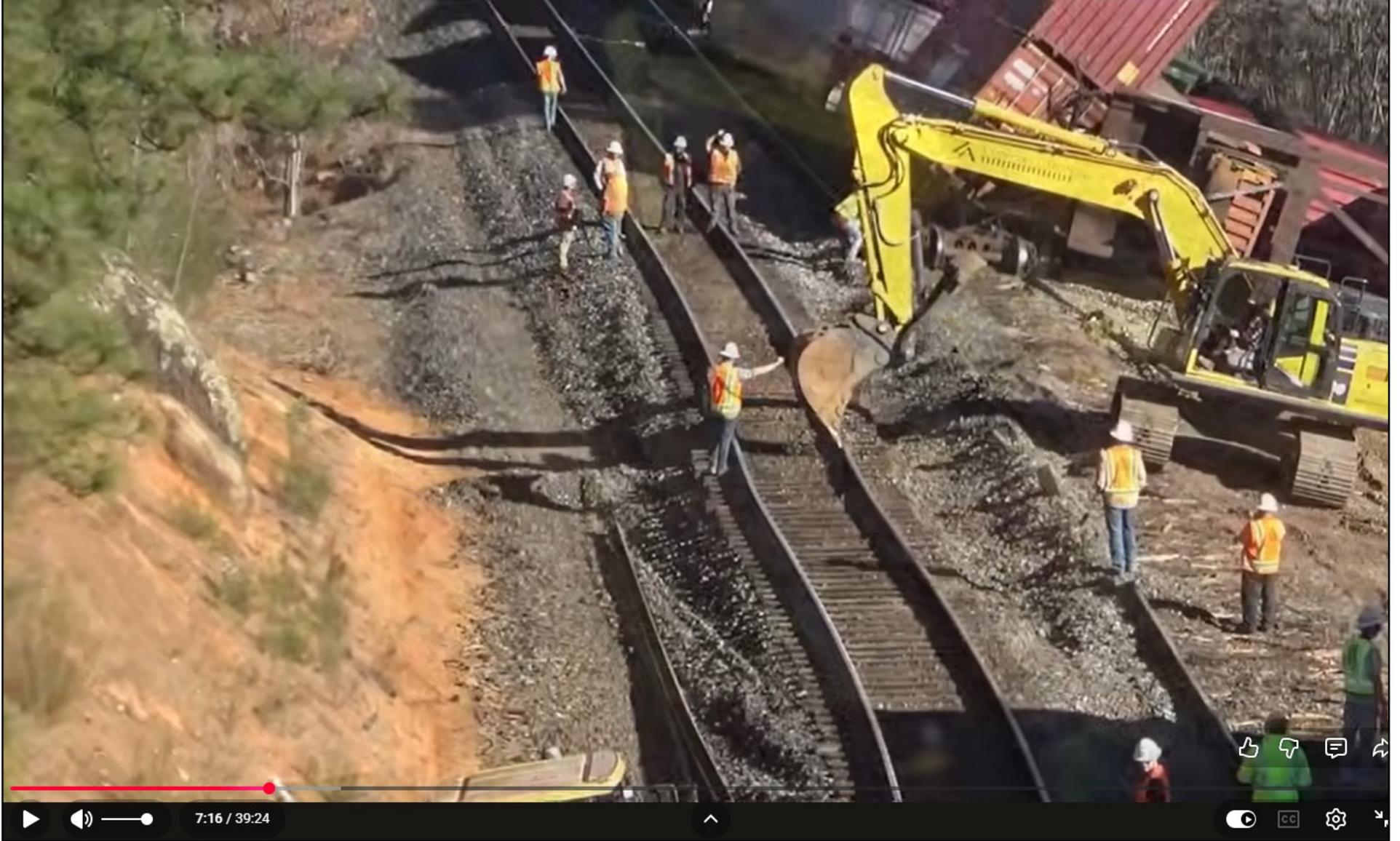
**Track 1 is Now Clear but Needs Realignment**

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**A Little Nudge**

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**Another Nudge**

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Almost There

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**Perfect!**



**Repositioning a Sideboom Tractor (*mh*)**

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**Note Two Loaded Cars at Right Are Now Parallel to Road**

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**Separating Overturned Railcar from its Container Loads**

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**And Dragging It to an Out-Of-The Way Clearing**

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**FRA On The Scene**

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## Documenting Repairs to Track 1

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**Cleaning Up Loose Debris**



**Lunch! (*mh*)**

First Train  
over Reopened  
Track 1  
December 13,  
12:13pm

*(rs)*



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**EB Double-Stack Container Train Approaches Reopened Track 1**



**Moving Slowly (*mh*)**

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— Very Slowly —

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**Meanwhile Cleanup Work Goes On**

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**Another Damaged Container Being Staged on Road**

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**And Dragged to Nearby Clearing**



**A Quick Inspection of Track 1 After Train Clears (*rs*)**

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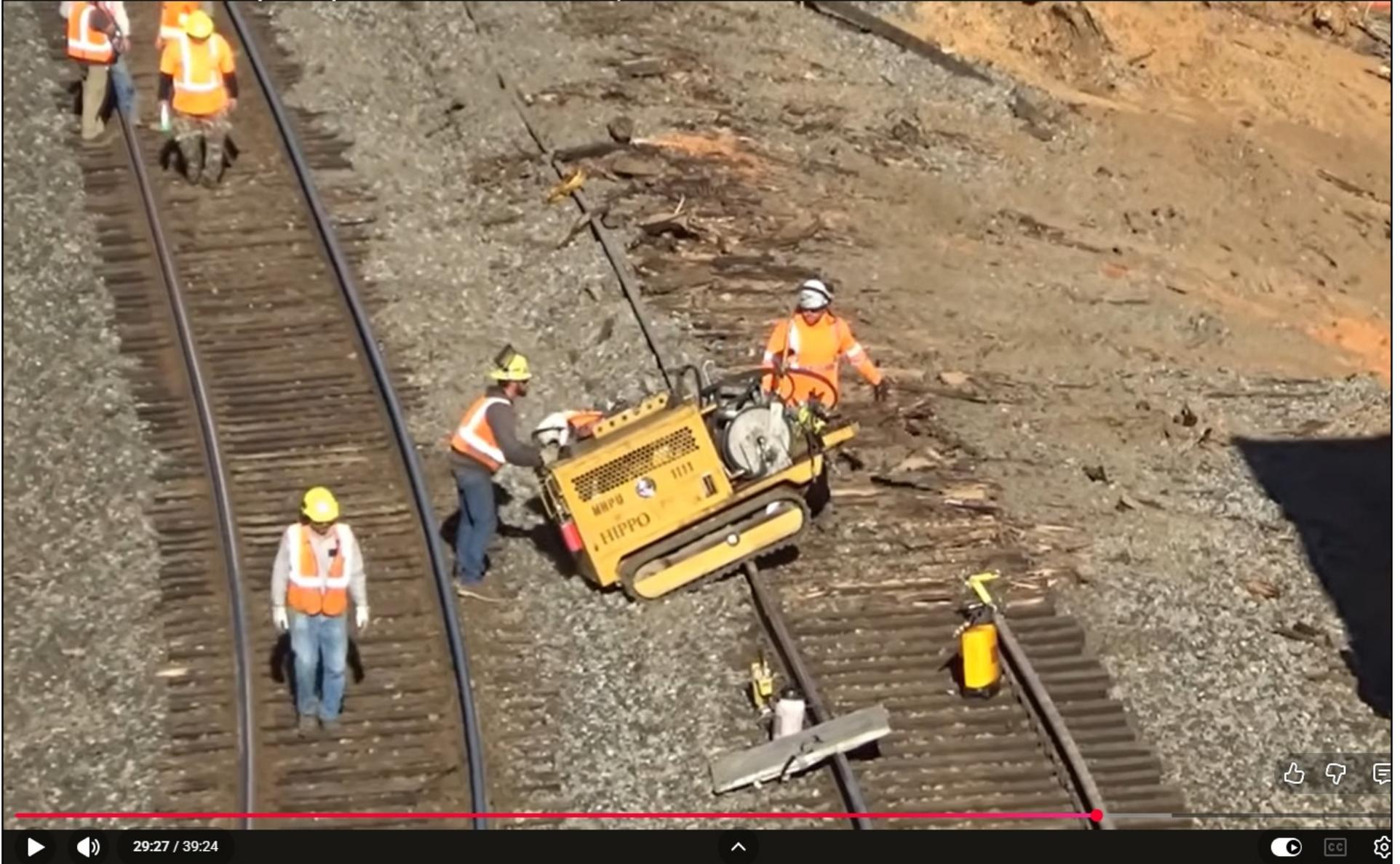


**90 Minutes Later - Recovering More Containers**



**Crews Check Track 1 – and a Better View of Track 2 Damage (*mh*)**

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**Preparing to Cut Away Damaged Track 2**

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**Clearing Ballast for Track Cutter**



**Sideboom Tractors at Work (*mh*)**

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**Amazon Container Being Rotated**

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**Section of Track 2 & Ties Being Removed**

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**More Damaged Track 2 & Ties Being Removed**



**Work Train Arrives in Colfax at 3:14 pm with Track Panels**



**Dec. 13, 4:09 pm - Cleanup Continues on Track 2 (rs)**



**Last 3 Cars Tipped on Side to Clear Track 2 For Repairs *(rs)***



**December 14, 10:03 am *(rs)***



**Track 1 & Track 2 Repaired, Narrow Gauge Road Open  
Note Portable Light Stands at Left, Containers at Right (*rs*)**



**Remaining Cleanup Can Wait 'til Another Day (rs)**

**December 14**  
**10:31 am**

*(rs)*





**BOTH TRACKS BACK OPEN IN LESS THAN 32 HOURS (*rs*)**



**The Derailment Site on January 31, 2026 (rs)**

END

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BONUS VIEWS  
SURPRISE VISITOR  
THROUGH COLFAX  
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*Screenshots from  
Colfax Webcam  
& Private Video*



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