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The National Defense Transportation Association is a non-profit, non-political educational association committed to fostering partnerships between government, military and industry, and maintaining a strong and efficient global transportation, travel and distribution system in support of national security. There are over 9000 members in the association, comprised of both individual and corporate members. There are 60 plus chapters in the United States and overseas in Europe and the Pacific. The national headquarters office is located in Alexandria, VA.

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Union Pacific Railroad Teams Up with NDTA to Offer Offsite Learning Tours at Upcoming Forum in Reno / Tahoe

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[Alexandria, VA. Sept. 3, 2008] --- Union Pacific Railroad will offer learning tours to attendees of the 62nd Annual Forum & Expo in Reno / Tahoe, Nevada. Tours will coincide with formal professional dialogue sessions that are scheduled on Monday, September 22, and Tuesday, September 23 with two offsite tour times each day. Groups are limited to 10 people for each slot, and transportation will be provided to the rail yard from the John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort, the NDTA Forum Hotel.

The railroad industry has been a key player in the history of the American West and the development of our great Nation. The silver cache of the Comstock Load, the Gold Rush settlers, and the lumber and logging interests via the Truckee Line all carved routes through Donner Pass to connect cities and towns on either side of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Rail transport continues to be a viable resource today by moving freight efficiently and economically across the country [NOTE: according to a 2007 tally made by the American Association of Railroads, Class I Rail Carriers, on average, are able to move one ton of freight 436 miles on one gallon of fuel].

The tours offered by Union Pacific Railroad, a Class I Rail Carrier, will center on their Classification Yard, located in Sparks, Nevada, where rail cars are sequentially grouped according to their destinations and prepared for train movement. Computerized systems facilitate the coordination of various types of freight cargo with the most expedient routes.

There is no cost to join this offsite learning opportunity. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the NDTA Forum Registration Desk (DHL Pavilion) located in the Foyer near the Carson Room of the Nugget.

Union Pacific Classification Yard Tour			
Monday, Sept. 22		Tuesday, Sept. 23	
Tour #1	2 - 3:30pm	Tour #1	2 - 3:15pm
Tour #2	3:45 - 5:15pm	Tour #2	3:30 - 4:45pm

ABOUT UNION PACIFIC (UP) Union Pacific Corporation owns one of America's leading transportation companies. Its principal operating company, Union Pacific Railroad, links 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country and serves the fastest-growing U.S. population centers. Union Pacific's diversified business mix includes Agricultural Products, Automotive, Chemicals, Energy, Industrial Products and Intermodal. The railroad offers competitive long-haul routes from all major West Coast and Gulf Coast ports to eastern gateways. Union Pacific connects with Canada's rail systems and is the only railroad serving all six major gateways to Mexico, making it North America's premier rail franchise. Union Pacific Railroad, UP subsidiary, is a long time NDTA corporate member - one of the Association's "plank holder" industry partners joining in 1946.