Green River
Deluxe Sleeper – Stabled at Council Bluffs

The Green River was built in 1949 by American Car & Foundry as the 12-roomette, four-bedroom sleeper, the No. 1602 Western Hills. It was rebuilt in 1965 to an 11-bedroom sleeper, Sun Isle. In 1991, the car was reconfigured into an eight-bedroom deluxe sleeper and renamed the Green River.

Green River, Wyo., was a town that prospered because of Union Pacific’s push west. Lying in the deep Green River valley, Green River had the largest locomotive and rail car repair complex on UP between Cheyenne, Wyo., and Ogden, Utah.

During the spring floods, sometimes as many as 300,000 untreated railroad ties would be floated down the river. They would then be loaded onto railroad cars and shipped to Laramie, Wyo., for treatment.

Mining of trona, or soda ash (sodium carbonate), is a major industry in the area. The rail yards at Green River are the point of departure for entire trainloads of trona heading to chemical plants throughout the nation and abroad.