POWDER RIVER

Deluxe Sleeper – Stabled at Council Bluffs

The Powder River was built in 1949 by American Car & Foundry as a 12-roomette, four-bedroom sleeper named Western Plains. It was rebuilt in 1965 into an 11-bedroom sleeper named Sun Manor. In 1989 it was rebuilt into a four-bedroom deluxe sleeper and renamed the Powder River. It received a full wood interior upgrade in 2003.

The Victorian decor gives the Powder River a sense of a bygone era. Currier & Ives lithographs of 19th century railroading can be seen throughout the car.

Northeast Wyoming’s Powder River basin contains some of America’s richest deposits of low-sulphur coal. In cooperation with the Chicago and North Western Railroad, Union Pacific opened a connector line in 1984 from the Powder River region to just west of Scottsbluff, Neb. Millions of tons of coal are hauled from the basin in mile-long unit trains. Each train carries coal primarily destined for power plants throughout the Midwest and South.

Configuration: Powder River is a Sleeper Car with a sitting room that will seat six to eight and two crew rooms that each sleep one. It also has four guest bedrooms, each with a private bathroom. The guest rooms are adjoining. (Sleeps four guests and two crew)