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LOGGING RAILROADS OF THE
ANACONDA COPPER MINING COMPANY
IN MONTANA

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Table 1.--Chronological succession of corporations owning and managing sawmill and townsite properties of Bonner, Montana^{1/}

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Corporations</u>
11/--/84	7/--/86	Montana Improvement Co., portable sawmill ^{2/}
7/--/86	1887	Montana Improvement Co., permanent sawmill ^{2/}
1887	1/21/88	Blackfoot Milling Company ^{2/}
1/21/88	11/20/91	Blackfoot Milling and Manufacturing Co.
11/20/91	8/--/98	Big Blackfoot Milling Company
	8/--/98	Anaconda Copper Mining Company acquired the Big Blackfoot Milling Company
8/--/98	1/3/10	Big Blackfoot Milling Company, subsidiary of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company
1/3/10	5/26/10	Big Blackfoot Lumber Company, subsidiary of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company
5/26/10	6/18/55	Anaconda Copper Mining Company, Lumber Department
6/18/55	10/1/61	The Anaconda Company, Lumber Department
10/1/61	6/26/72	Anaconda Forest Products, a Division of The Anaconda Company
6/26/72	1/1/76	Champion International Corporation, U. S. Plywood Division
1/1/76	present	Champion International Corporation, Champion Building Products Division, Rocky Mountain Region

^{1/} Except where noted, based upon "History of Bonner property and timberlands" prepared June 16, 1976 for Champion International Corp., Champion Timberlands Division, Rocky Mountain Region, by Ernest B. Corrick, Vice President and General Manager, Bonner, and George Neff, retired Production Manager, Anaconda Copper Mining Co., and succeeding Anaconda Forest Products, a Division of The Anaconda Company, Bonner.

^{2/} From Ratigan (1976).

Operating Areas Served by Anaconda Logging Railroads

Logging railroads of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company were used to harvest company-owned timberlands at five localities in Missoula and Powell Counties in western Montana. Four of the areas were located from 15 to 30 miles north and east of Bonner in tributary drainages of the Blackfoot River. A fifth area was centered about 35 miles northwest of Bonner in a tributary drainage of the Clark Fork River. A network of railroad tracks enabled timber harvesting to be completed in from eight to 15 years in each operating area, as indicated:

<u>Operating area (distance/direction of area center from Bonner)</u>	<u>Years harvested</u>	<u>Approximate mileage of ACM track</u>
Camas Prairie (15 mi. E. of Bonner)	1905-1916	23
Ninemile Creek (35 mi. NW. of Bonner)	1916-1926	46
Greenough-Elk Creek (22 mi. NE. of Bonner)	1926-1934	22
Woodworth-Cottonwood Creek (30 mi. NE. of Bonner)	1934-1949	23
Chamberlain Creek (30 mi. E. of Bonner)	1942-1946	<u>14</u>
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Table 4.-- (con.)

5/New, ACM loco. 3, Bonner.

6/New, St. Maries Lumber Co., Avery, Idaho, loco. 2;
Mann Lumber Co., De Borgia, Mont., loco. 2; ACM loco. 4,
Bonner.

7/New, ACM loco. 5, Bonner.

8/New, Western Lumber Co., Milltown, Mont., loco. 2;
Heron Lumber Co., Arlee, Mont., loco. 2; ACM loco. 6,
Bonner.

9/Willamette Iron and Steel Works, Portland, Ore.

10/New, Western Lumber Co., Milltown, Mont., loco. 3;
ACM loco. 7, Bonner.

11/New, ACM loco. 100, Bonner.

Table 5.--Methods and schedule of disposing the steam logging locomotives of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company^{1/}

Loco. number	Location as of 11/6/39	Final disposition		
		Method	Location	Date
1	Plains	Scrapped	Bonner	September 1940
2	Bonner	Scrapped	Bonner	February 1943
3	Woodworth	Scrapped	Woodworth	December 1943
4	Woodworth	Scrapped	Bonner	1943
5	Woodworth	Stored ^{2/}	Bonner	1949
6	Woodworth	Scrapped	Bonner	1947
7	Plains	Stored ^{3/}	Bonner	1949
100	Plains	Scrapped	Plains	1943

^{1/}Compiled from correspondence dated Nov. 6, 1939 from C.W. McEwen, logging camp clerk, Woodworth, Mont., to W.C. Lubrecht, general manager, ACM Lumber Dept., Bonner, Mont., now in ACM collection, Univ. Mont. archives, Missoula. Additional information from Donald G. MacKenzie, retired logging superintendent, Missoula, personal communication, and Koch (1971).

^{2/}Stored at Bonner, 1949-1962. Sold to Mr. Jack Hoover, Great Falls, Mont., for preservation in private collection.

^{3/}Stored at Bonner, 1949-1962. Reconditioned and placed on permanent display at Bonner during 1962.