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BNSF boosts economic development in Weston County

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UPTON — BNSF Railway Co.'s economic development efforts led to \$4 billion in investments and 4,000 new jobs across the nation last year, including a key development in Weston County.

The BNSF economic development team assisted the Weston County Development Board in creating a plan to build a regional industrial park, the Upton Regional Industrial Site. The 600-acre site will become home to a variety of industries, some of them new businesses to the area. The site also will serve as a premier BNSF transloading site.

"During the planning and construction phases of this project, we worked closely with BNSF's economic development team," said Tom Barritt, a member of the Weston County Development Board. "BNSF helped us coordinate with the correct public and private organizations to implement our plans smoothly and in a timely manner."

"We take great pride in working to enhance business for everyone in the BNSF system," said Vann Cunningham, BNSF assistant vice president, Economic Development. "In the case of Upton, Wyoming, the creation of the new industrial park not only brought in new businesses but also spurred the development of new housing in the area for the first time in 20 years."