

Rail car carrying LP gas derails in Redmond

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Firefighters, police and public works personnel scrambled to establish an evacuation plan if one became necessary early Friday after a rail tanker carrying 28,000 gallons of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) derailed in Redmond, Oregon.

Redmond Fire & Rescue reported that the derailed Burlington Northern (BN) car was upright and not leaking shortly after midnight, and A BN team of specialists was called in to access the situation. By 9:20 a.m. they were in the process of moving the car back on the tracks, north of East Antler Avenue on the BN/Santa Fe rail line.

Shortly after 10 a.m., the fire department reported, the car was back on the rails and was moving it to a location in order to perform minor repairs to the outer wall of the tank.

No evacuation was necessary, the news release stated.

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