



# CASE STUDY



## HULCHER PROVIDES DISASTER RESPONSE TO SIMULTANEOUS MAJOR FLOOD EVENTS

### Scope

Record snowfalls and spring rains resulted in major flooding throughout North Dakota. Much of the state was declared a disaster area. At the same time, a separate flood event devastated several midwest states. Railroads, local governments and industry needed a contractor with extensive, national resources, including trained crews and a fleet of heavy equipment, to respond to both flood events.

### Solution

Hulcher Services deployed dozers, rotary dump trucks, backhoes, grapple trucks, excavators, track loaders, vacuum trucks, food vans and a mobile command center to both flood regions. Equipment and workers were rotated in from all around the country to provide relief crews and deliver precisely what resources were needed for each work situation.

Hulcher provided a wide range of services. Crews were in place even as flood waters were rising, to place sand bags, shore up levees and build berms and flood walls. After the floods they worked to clear debris, rerail trains, change wheels, build roads, stabilize grade and lay track panels. Crews often acted as project managers, sourcing materials, equipment and other necessities and managing the completion of these projects; this freed railroad managers to focus on other areas of flood response.

### Outcome

These floods demonstrated the value of a national contractor with comprehensive resources. Hulcher's nationwide fleet of 250 pieces of heavy equipment and hundreds of trained professionals allowed the company to provide extensive and simultaneous response to separate regional disasters. Hulcher's crews leveraged their experience to respond to the floods efficiently and effectively, which helped people in both regions protect resources and overcome the effects of the flooding as quickly as possible.



## KEY FACTS

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** Provide equipment and crews for disaster response to two separate regional floods.

**NATIONAL FLEET OF EQUIPMENT:** An extensive fleet of heavy equipment allowed Hulcher to serve both disaster areas simultaneously.

**DISASTER RESPONSE EXPERTISE:** Hundreds of railroad professionals on staff provided an experienced manpower pool to deliver a sustained, quality response to the floods.

