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**Sample
entries:**

*Minnesota Division --
Carlton to Fargo*

Division description at
opening date of that
page



In 1890 the Minnesota Division was
extended to Duluth.

Changes to the division limits. Arrow
color corresponds with map colors

MINNESOTA 1890
(Brainerd)

New limits to the division, color-coded to
correspond to text information

Division headquarters in parentheses

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Pacific Division --
Tacoma to Portland

Cascade Division --
Pasco to Tacoma

Clark Fork Division --
Oden to Wallula

Pend d'Orielle Division --
Perma to Oden

Missoula Division --
Elliston to Perma

Rocky Mountain Division --
Livingston to Elliston

Yellowstone Division --
Glendive to Livingston

Missouri Division --
Mandan to Glendive

Minnesota Division --
Carlton to Fargo

1882 in red

1883 in green

1884 in orange

1886 in blue

1888 in purple

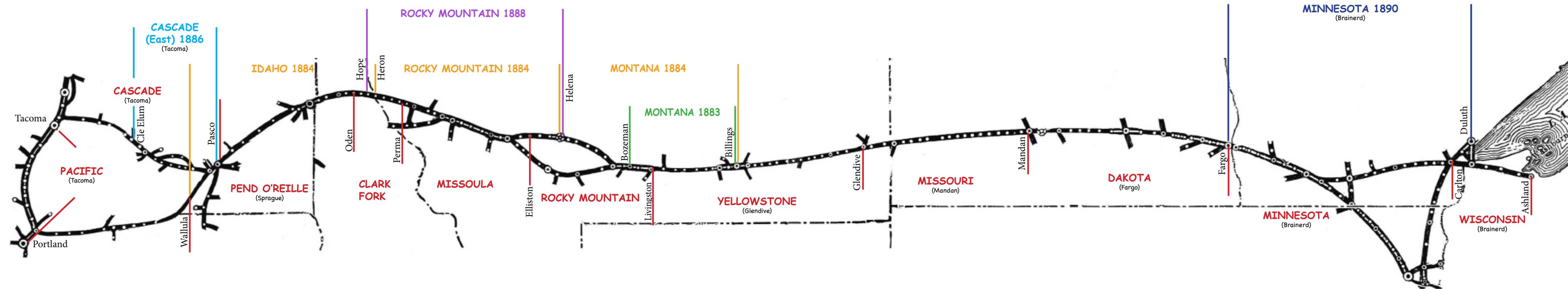
1890 in navy

(Division headquarters)

Dakota Division --
Fargo to Mandan

MINNESOTA 1890
(Brainerd)

Wisconsin Division --
Ashland to Carlton



➡ In 1883 the Montana Division was created, taking in the territory Billings to Bozeman.

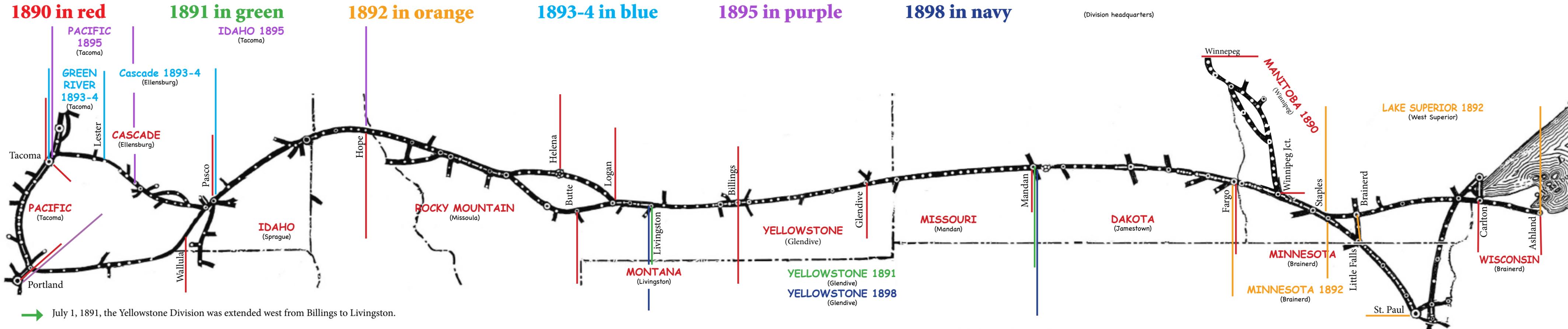
➡ In 1884 the Montana Division was extended from Bozeman to Helena, making the total limits of the Montana Division Billings to Helena. At the same time the territory of the Rocky Mountain Division was changed to cover the line Helena to Heron and Pend O'Reille Division was changed to Idaho Division to cover the territory Heron to Wallula.

➡ December 20, 1886, Cascade Division (East) was extended to include territory Ellensburg to Cle Elum.

➡ In 1888 territory Heron to Hope was taken from the Idaho Division and added to the Rocky Mountain Division.

➡ In 1890 the Minnesota Division was extended to Duluth.

Pacific Division -- Tacoma to Portland
 Cascade Division -- Pasco to Tacoma
 Idaho Division -- Hope to Wallula
 Rocky Mountain Division -- Helena to Hope
 Montana Division -- Billings to Helena, Logan to Butte
 Yellowstone Division -- Glendive to Billings
 Missouri Division -- Mandan to Glendive
 Dakota Division -- Fargo to Mandan
 Minnesota Division -- Carlton to Fargo
 Wisconsin Division -- Ashland to Carlton



→ July 1, 1891, the Yellowstone Division was extended west from Billings to Livingston.

→ During 1893 and 1894, that portion of the line Lester to Tacoma and Seattle was known as the Green River Division with headquarters at Tacoma, and Lester to Pasco as the Cascade Division with headquarters at Ellensburg.

→ June 1895 territory Pasco to Ellensburg was added to the Idaho Division and territory Ellensburg to Tacoma was added to the Pacific Division, eliminating the Cascade Division, also all reference to a portion of the territory as the Green River Division.

→ In 1898 was extended east from Glendive to Mandan, eliminating the Missouri Division.

→ In 1890 the territory Carlton to Superior was added to the Minnesota Division.

→ October 1, 1890, the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway, also line extending from Winnipeg Junction to Boundary, was made Manitoba Division with headquarters at Winnipeg.

→ July 1, 1892, the Lake Superior Division was created, taking in territory Ashland to Staples. The headquarters of the division were at West Superior, Wisconsin. Effective July 1, 1892, the St. Paul and Manitoba Railway, extending St. Paul to Staples and Little Falls to Brainerd, was changed to Minnesota Division.

The line Meeker to Seattle, constructed by the Puget Sound Shore Railroad Company in 1883, became the Northern Pacific and Puget Sound Shore Railroad Company in 1889 and was deeded to the Northern Pacific Railway on April 21, 1898 and added to the Pacific Division.

Pacific Division --
Ellensburg to Tacoma to Portland, Meeker to Seattle

Idaho Division --
Hope to Ellensburg

Rocky Mountain Division --
Helena to Hope

Montana Division --
Billings to Helena, Logan to Butte

Yellowstone Division --
Mandan to Billings

Dakota Division --
Fargo to Mandan

Minnesota Division --
St. Paul to Fargo

1898 in red

1900-01 in green

1902 in orange

1903 in blue

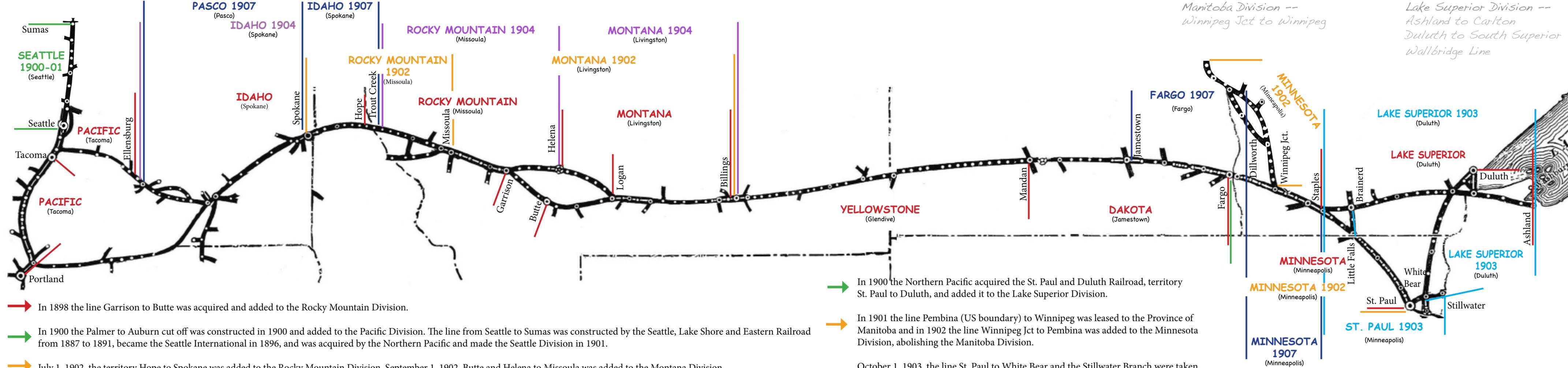
1904 in purple

1907 in navy

(Division headquarters)

Manitoba Division --
Winnipeg Jct to Winnipeg

Lake Superior Division --
Ashland to Carlton
Duluth to South Superior
Wallbridge Line



→ In 1898 the line Garrison to Butte was acquired and added to the Rocky Mountain Division.

→ In 1900 the Palmer to Auburn cut off was constructed in 1900 and added to the Pacific Division. The line from Seattle to Sumas was constructed by the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad from 1887 to 1891, became the Seattle International in 1896, and was acquired by the Northern Pacific and made the Seattle Division in 1901.

→ July 1, 1902, the territory Hope to Spokane was added to the Rocky Mountain Division. September 1, 1902, Butte and Helena to Missoula was added to the Montana Division.

→ January 1, 1904, Butte and Helena to Missoula was changed back to the Rocky Mountain Division, and the territory Trout Creek to Spokane was added to the Idaho Division.

→ May 1, 1907, line Spokane to Ellensburg was taken from the Idaho Division and the Pasco Division created.

→ In 1900 the Northern Pacific acquired the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad, territory St. Paul to Duluth, and added it to the Lake Superior Division.

→ In 1901 the line Pembina (US boundary) to Winnipeg was leased to the Province of Manitoba and in 1902 the line Winnipeg Jct to Pembina was added to the Minnesota Division, abolishing the Manitoba Division.

→ October 1, 1903, the line St. Paul to White Bear and the Stillwater Branch were taken from the Lake Superior Division; and St. Paul to Staples and Little Falls to Brainerd from the Minnesota Division to form the St. Paul Division.

→ June 1, 1907, the line from Fargo to Jamestown was taken from the Dakota Division and the Fargo Division was created. October 10, 1907, the Fargo Division was extended east to Dilworth.

Seattle Division --
Black River to Sumas

Pacific Division --
Ellensburg to Tacoma to Portland,
Meeker to Black River

Pasco Division --
Spokane to Ellensburg

Idaho Division --
Trout Creek to Spokane

Rocky Mountain Division --
Helena to Trout Creek,
Butte to Garrison

Yellowstone Division --
Mandan to Billings

Fargo Division --
Dilworth to Jamestown

St. Paul Division --
White Bear to St. Paul
to Staples

1908 in red

1909 in green

1910 in orange

1913 in blue

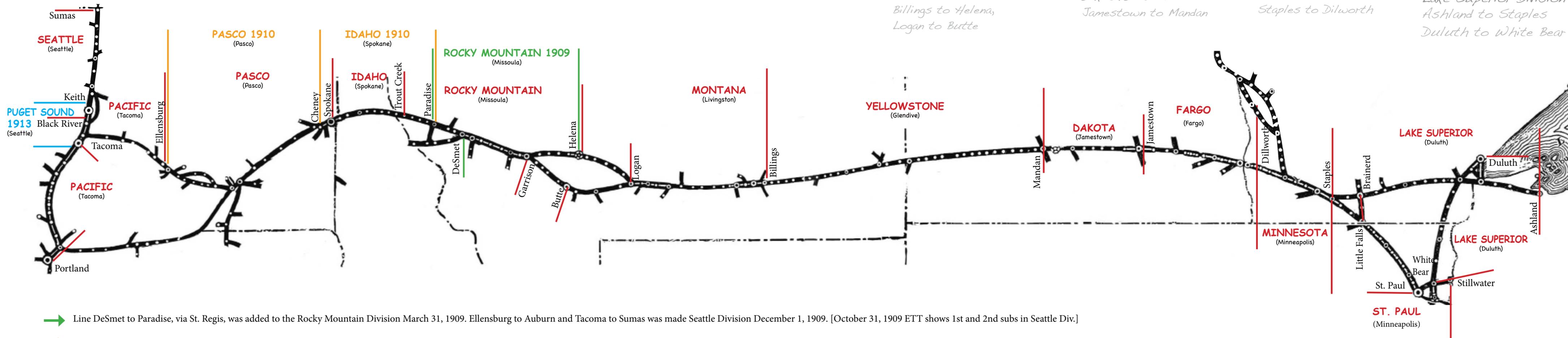
(Division headquarters)

Montana Division --
Billings to Helena,
Logan to Butte

Dakota Division --
Jamestown to Mandan

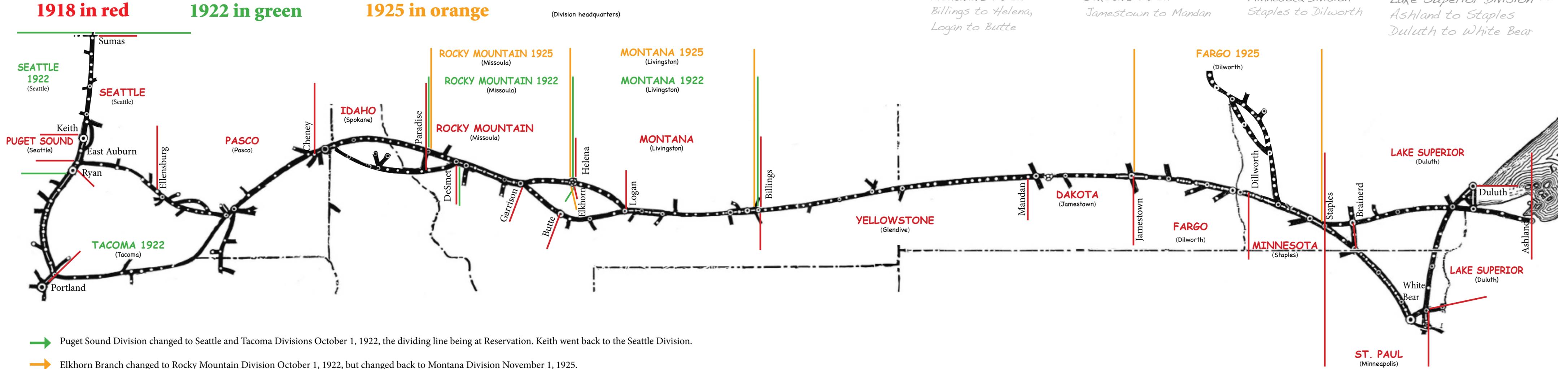
Minnesota Division --
Staples to Dilworth

Lake Superior Division --
Ashland to Staples
Duluth to White Bear



- ➔ Line DeSmet to Paradise, via St. Regis, was added to the Rocky Mountain Division March 31, 1909. Ellensburg to Auburn and Tacoma to Sumas was made Seattle Division December 1, 1909. [October 31, 1909 ETT shows 1st and 2nd subs in Seattle Div.]
- ➔ Western Terminal of Idaho Division was changed from Spokane to Cheney July 1, 1910. January 1, 1904, Butte and Helena to Missoula was changed back to the Rocky Mountain Division, and the territory Trout Creek to Spokane was added to the Idaho Division.
- ➔ South Tacoma to Keith and East Auburn changed to Puget Sound Division January, 1913. [April 27, 1913 ETT the first to show Puget Sound Division]

Tacoma Division -- Ryan to Portland
 Puget Sound Division -- Ryan to East Auburn to Keith
 Seattle Division -- Ellensburg to East Auburn
 Pasco Division -- Cheney to Ellensburg
 Idaho Division -- Paradise to Cheney
 Rocky Mountain Division -- Helena to Paradise, Butte to Garrison, DeSmet to Paradise
 Yellowstone Division -- Mandan to Billings
 Fargo Division -- Dilworth to Jamestown
 St. Paul Division -- St. Paul to White Bear, St. Paul to Staples
 Montana Division -- Billings to Helena, Logan to Butte
 Dakota Division -- Jamestown to Mandan
 Minnesota Division -- Staples to Dilworth
 Lake Superior Division -- Ashland to Staples, Duluth to White Bear



- ➔ Puget Sound Division changed to Seattle and Tacoma Divisions October 1, 1922, the dividing line being at Reservation. Keith went back to the Seattle Division.
- ➔ Elkhorn Branch changed to Rocky Mountain Division October 1, 1922, but changed back to Montana Division November 1, 1925.

Tacoma Division --
Tacoma (Reservation) to Portland

Seattle Division --
Ellensburg to Auburn

Pasco Division --
Cheney to Ellensburg

Idaho Division --
Paradise to Cheney

Rocky Mountain Division --
Helena to Paradise,
Butte to Garrison
DeSmet to Paradise

Montana Division --
Billings to Helena,
Logan to Butte

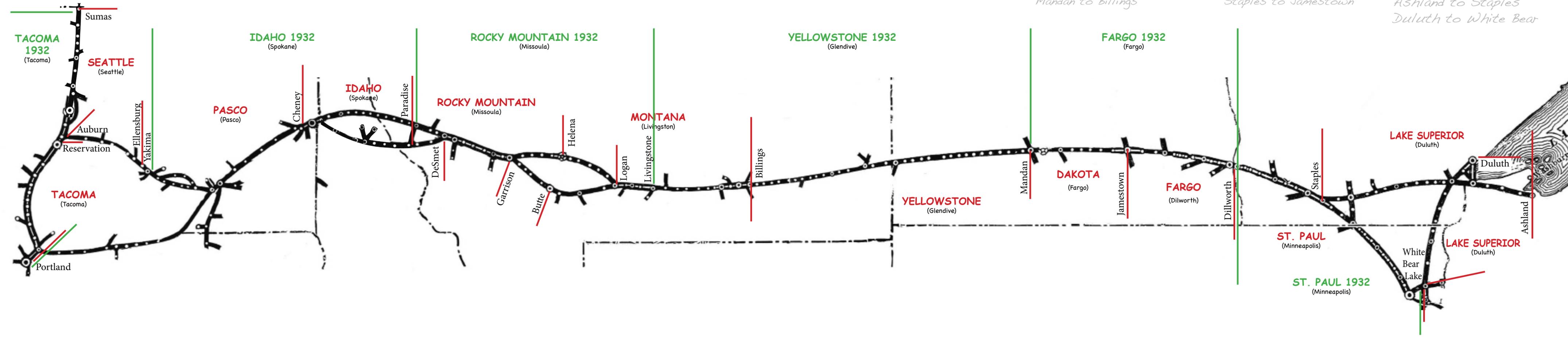
Dakota Division --
Jamestown to Mandan

St. Paul Division --
St. Paul to White Bear
St. Paul to Staples

1928 in red

1932 in green

(Division headquarters)



➔ Effective January 1, 1932, the Yellowstone Division was extended to include a portion of the Montana Division; the Rocky Mountain Division was extended to a portion of the Montana Division; and the Seattle Division was included in the Tacoma Division.

➔ Effective January 1, 1932, the St. Paul Division was extended to include a portion of the Fargo Division; the Fargo Division was extended to include the Dakota Division.

Tacoma Division --
Ellensburg to Auburn
Tacoma to Sumas
Tacoma to Portland

Seattle Division --
Ellensburg to Auburn

Pasco Division --
Cheney to Ellensburg

Idaho Division --
Paradise to Cheney

Rocky Mountain Division --
Livingston to Helena to Paradise
Logan to Butte to Garrison

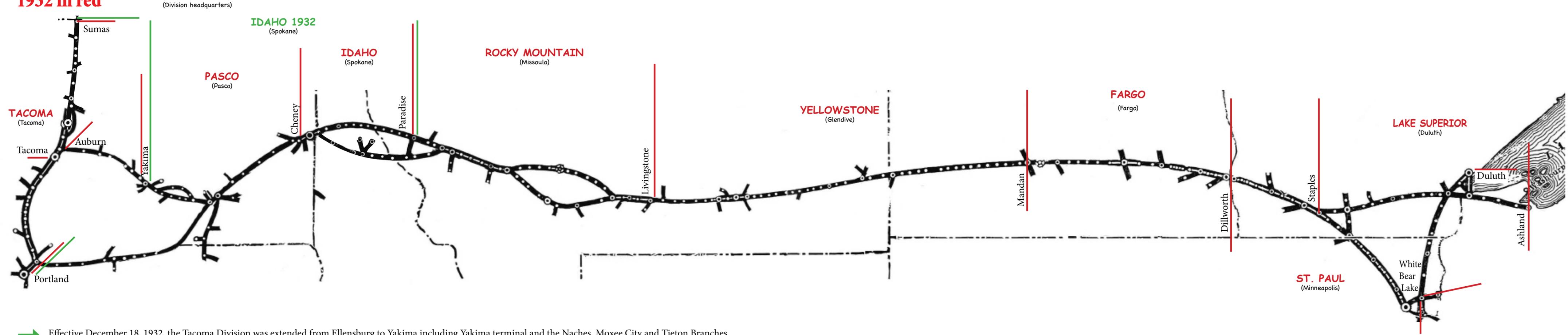
Yellowstone Division --
Mandan to Livingston

Fargo Division --
Dilworth to Mandan

St. Paul Division --
St. Paul to White Bear
St. Paul to Dilworth

Lake Superior Division --
Ashland to Staples
Duluth to White Bear

1932 in red



→ Effective December 18, 1932, the Tacoma Division was extended from Ellensburg to Yakima including Yakima terminal and the Naches, Moxee City and Tieton Branches and the Idaho Division was extended to include the Pasco Division from Cheney to Yakima.

December 18, 1932

(Division headquarters)

*Tacoma Division --
Yakima to Auburn
Tacoma to Sumas
Tacoma to Portland*

*Idaho Division --
Paradise to Yakima*

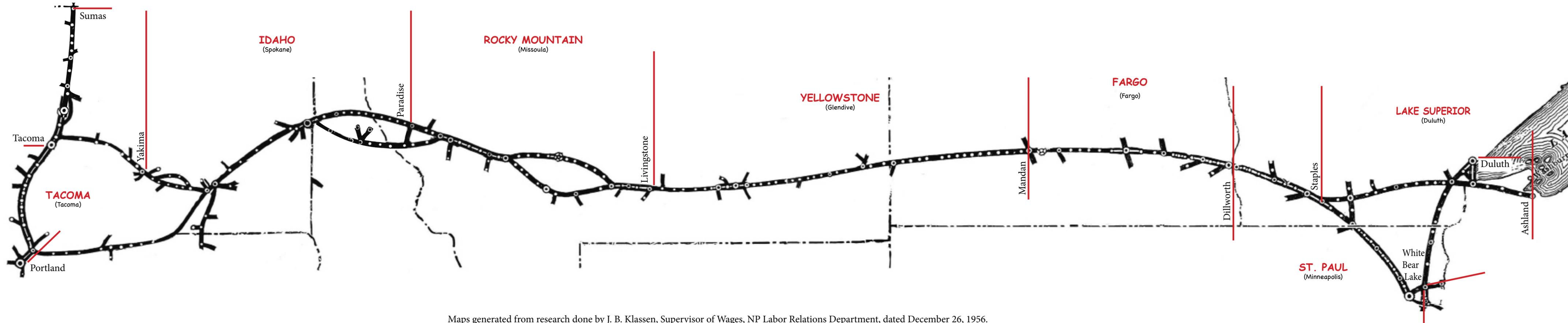
*Rocky Mountain Division --
Livingston to Helena to Paradise
Logan to Butte to Garrison*

*Yellowstone Division --
Mandan to Livingston*

*Fargo Division --
Dilworth to Mandan*

*St. Paul Division --
St. Paul to White Bear
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