

FOX RIVER

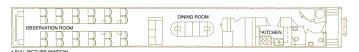
Inspection Car - Stabled at Council Bluffs

The *Fox River* was built in 1954 by Pullman Standard as a two-bedroom, two-compartment, buffet-lounge-sleeper for Canadian National Railway. As No. 1087, then named *Cape Breton*, the car was part of such trains as the Montreal-Washington Washingtonian and the Montreal-Vancouver Super Continental.

The car was purchased by VIA Rail Canada in 1978 and reporting marks remained unchanged. Five years later the car was sold to Rail Travel Associates, which in 1984 sold the car to Milwaukee Rail Car. Milwaukee Rail Car reconstructed it into a theater inspection car, complete with rearward facing terraced seating for 28, affording a view of the retreating right of way through a full-width picture window, which is protected while in storage by a roll-up, metal shade style cover.

In 1985 the Chicago and North Western bought the car and gave it the number 420 and the name *Fox River*. The car came under new ownership once again after the Union Pacific and C&NW merger a decade later.

Fox River was taken to Northern Railcar in 1997 for rebuilding and floor plan renovation. It now is equipped with a galley for the preparation of buffet-style meals, and received an interior wood upgrade in 2008.



Configuration: Fox River is an Inspection Car with a kitchen, a communications room and a dining room that seats 10-12. The observation end of the car is all glass and the seating is stepped-up like theater seating. The observation area will seat 24. This car has two public restrooms.