

On March 14, 2016, at 12:02am CDT, Amtrak train #4 (Southwest Chief) derailed near MP372.9 in the vicinity of Cimarron, KS. This LA to Chicago train consisted of two locomotives and 10 cars. Four cars were derailed on their sides, one car derailed and was leaning, two cars derailed upright, and one car derailed a single truck. There were approximately 130 passengers and 14 crew members on board. Initial reports indicated that between 10 and 33 passengers were transported and/or treated for injuries at two area medical centers. The American Red Cross responded to assist with passengers.

This event occurred on the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), La Junta Division. The maximum allowable speed on this section of rail is 60 mph for passenger trains and 40 mph for freight trains. Total damages were reported as \$3,247,355.

Parties to the investigation were Amtrak, BNSF, FRA, BMWED, SMART, BLET, and the Gray County Sheriff's Office.