DBi Services provides comprehensive vegetation management services to the Union Pacific Railroad for their mainline roadbed track miles, along with the public road crossings across their vast network.

Project Highlights
DBi Services maintains 100% of the UPRR’s 37,000 mile system spanning across all of their 21 Service Units.

Most vegetation is controlled using carefully selected herbicides designed to either eradicate unwanted vegetation entirely, or depending upon the location, selectively treat certain vegetation while promoting the growth of desired vegetation species.

Brush control along the mainline and at crossings is also provided under the contract.

In addition to the mainline, sidings, yard and industrial tracks, DBi Services has managed all vegetation at the UPRR’s 27,000+ public road crossings across 23 states since 2000.

This work has improved line-of-sight for motorists approaching crossings by eliminating tall-growing species.

DBi Services’ efforts have reduced the frequency of train-automobile collisions, helping to improve the safety profile of the UPRR.

DBi Services has over 150 in-house staff and over 120 specialized on- and off-track vehicles dedicated to this work, along with subcontractors to provide additional support where needed.

This is believed to be the largest railroad vegetation management project in the United States.

Relevant Experience Gained
• The Union Pacific Railroad is the largest railroad system in the United States, and DBi Services gained extensive major-project management experience given the complexity of their network and operational requirements.

• Our team has a strong understanding of crossing vegetation management, and of working with the railroad safety, risk management and legal staff.

• DBi Services provides detailed vegetation management information to the UPRR when requested to respond to a crossing incident.

Value to Customer
• DBi Services has developed a world-class computerized Maintenance Management System (MMS), allowing the UPRR and DBi Services management to view real-time work progress against plan from any device.

• Through the use of innovative management and technological approaches, DBi Services has reduced the amount of track time required to perform vegetation management on the UPRR, while maintaining quality and safety.

• DBi Services received the Union Pacific Railroad Partnership Award in recognition of our exceptional commitment to quality workmanship and constant concern for the public and the UPRR.