

## Sandaoling - First Afternoon - Saturday 8 December 2018

Jun took over as my taxi driver as the lady driver felt tired after collecting me from Hami Airport. The temperature was -9.5 before cooling off at the end of the day. We had an active afternoon picking up the first train (washery) at the pipe and then finding a second train in the coal yard preparing to leave.



From a point overlooking the Shadunza line, and looking towards the strategic reserve and beyond, there were 3 (steam) trains in view with possibly 2 more in the distance at Nanzhan.





8173 stalled the train reversing up towards Dongboli and had to come back beyond the workshop to do it again. We noticed one wagon not unloaded and later the train headed to the washery branch to have it unloaded with assistance of a small digger to push the side tipper to get it unstuck. This digger struggled getting up to track level and managed to unearth a CCTV power cable with its bucket while dragging itself up. We didn't see the unloading and left them reburying the power cable.



We found a train at Kenkou held at the signals when a group of Chinese

photographers descended on it (it was a Saturday).

Our final shot just before sunset was another train for the washery seen on the S curves from a point around from the pipe near the blue building on the rim where waste rock is tipped over the rim. So two new locations for me today (new coal yard view and final shot).



Locos in use: 8173 (coal yard/washery), 8195 (washery), 8197 (standby loco Dongboli)



Locos seen but not identified: Nanzhan 2-3 locos seen in steam including one

which left CR wagons near the coal yard.

John