

## Day 17 Hegang & Haolianghe

After a return to Fuli to see sg and ng trains in the morning, we took a cross-country route to Haolianghe (3 hours) arriving early afternoon. The cement factory looked suspiciously quiet with no steam from the chimney and after lunch we discovered that although the factory had reopened 10 days ago, production had not yet restarted and although the rails were nice and shiny, no trains were running and no date for the production restart had been announced. That's a pity as the line looks interesting to walk and we have a comfortable hostel in Haolianghe - a small, peaceful town - the smallest and most rural overnight on the whole trip. However, we need to move on to Jixi to find some more sg electrics with the line at Haolianghe not working. This will be a contender for a visit on China NG 3 at a time of year when trains can be expected - September 2020?

### Hegang Fuli Mine area



2319 approaches the Nanshan road crossing near Fuli.





Two views of double electric 1502. We saw 1501 on shed at Hegang so this was the second one we saw.







An interesting tipping structure. Are the tubs on the right really up-ended over one on the left by this structure and if so, why?



A pair of battery electrics with considerable detail differences.





## Haolianghe



Two versions of an electric railway crossing sign at Haolianghe



The middle station in the forest but close to the dirt road from the factory to the quarry. This was probably the Nancha - Jiamusi cross-country route I drove in the 1990s with the LCGB tour. We saw a new line and wondered what it would be used for - now I know.





The 900mm gauge rails curve invitingly left at the end of the station towards the quarry. It's a pity we can't spend the next 2 days walking the line with passing trains.



The first 3 photos are of what I take to be the mainline locos. ©Graham Knight, 2019





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This loco looks distinctly low profile. It's duties are unknown.







The loco on the previous page has interesting structures on its bonnets. What is their purpose? To provide clean air in the cab while working in a dusty environment? ©Graham Knight, 2019

Onwards to Jixi!

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