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Yes, it's a tree, three of them actually. We've moved some of the heaviest and most interesting loads on the planet but this one is probably one of the most unique for sure. The University of Texas set out to build a new science and technology center but there were three trees in the way of progress. Instead of cutting the sixty year old live oaks down, they were saved from the chainsaw to see many more days of sunshine thanks to Berard and several others involved in the project.

The trees were first moved to a location across from the former building set for demolition. While in storage they were cared for by a team of professional arborists until the new building could be constructed. Once the building was near completion, the Berard Team came in to move the trees to their new homes next to the building. Two mobile cranes were used to lift the trees ranging in weights from 100,000lbs to 160,000lbs onto the Mega PSTs; one at the loading site and one at the final location for planting. The maneuverability of the Mega PST transporters were utilized to make the move through the narrow spaces and tight turns to bring the trees to their new planting locations.

The well executed plan went flawlessly and the entire project was carried out in only one day. The Berard Team did it once again!

Going green? That's us!















Berard recently moved this 500' long, 475 ton sludge catcher. The Berard Team provided transport services for the project which was built just offsite and moved into final position which included getting the structure to mate up with existing piping. Final positioning was critical and thanks to the maneuverability of the Mega PST's, the job was completed successfully in just one day.

Just another fine example of Berard going the distance!





Jacob Boudreaux | Driver/Rigger

Joining the Berard Team in August of 2007, Jacob has been a loyal team member who has excelled in his duties of driver, rigger, crane and spmt operator. He's also an all around fun guy. When asked about what he likes about this type of work he said "I never was much on going to the same place and doing the same thing every day. What I like about this job is that the scenery changes and there is always something new and different to do".



Strikin' a pose while loading mats.



Jacob celebrating his 25th birthday under a few hundred tons.