Ten Mile Day Modifications

Round 1:

1. Display a completed section of railroad track.
2. Give the following directions:
   1. When completed each section of track should look like mine.
   2. Each person on the work crew is REQUIRED to complete their section(s) of track on their own.
3. Stop any group that organizes an assembly line and redirect them.
4. Allow 4 minutes
5. When time is up, have each group count the number of completed track sections and record the number on the board.
6. Ask each group to join all of their track sections together. This will most likely be a problem since no standards were developed.
7. Subtract any sections that could not be joined from the total.
8. Determine the group’s productivity.
9. Collect and dispose of all track sections and track section pieces that have been worked on.
10. Debrief Round 1:
    1. What productive resources did you use?
    2. What would be helpful to know if you were to do this again?
    3. How can we insure that all of the track sections can be used?

Round 2:

1. Give each group 1 ruler
2. Tell each group that they may organize their crew to complete the track sections in the manner that they think would be most efficient.
3. Ask them to share the standards developed during the debrief of Round 1.
4. Allow 4 minutes.
5. When time is up, have each group count the number of completed track sections and record the number on the board.
6. Ask each group to join all of their track sections together.
7. Subtract any sections that could not be joined from the total.
8. Determine the group’s productivity.
9. Debrief Round 2:
   1. How did your productivity change?
   2. What would allow your productivity to improve?