

# 'Hell on Wheels' Season 5: AMC sets 2015 premiere date for final season



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AMC announced on Thursday, May 28 the premiere date for Season 5 of "Hell on Wheels." The 14-episode fifth and final season of the series will start to air on Saturday, July 18 at 9/8 p.m. CT, [TV Line](#) reports.

The network previously announced that Season 5 will be split in two halves, with the first seven episodes airing in 2015, while the second half will be released in summer 2016. AMC employed the same scheduling

strategy with the final seasons of "[Breaking Bad](#)" and "[Mad Men](#)". The cable network confirmed in November that the upcoming fifth season would be its last.

As [UPI](#) reports, the new season will explore the battle between the Central Pacific and Union Pacific lines, and the institutionalized greed and corruption behind the building of America's Transcontinental Railroad. Cullen ([Anson Mount](#)) will find himself a stranger in a strange land when he travels to the mountain town of Truckee, California, the home of the Central Pacific Railroad and thousands of Chinese workers, who are foreign in language, culture, and traditions. Despite the challenges, he'll still attempt to tunnel through the Sierra Nevada Mountains, sometimes achieving only inches a day in the race to complete the first Transcontinental Railroad. The period drama co-stars Colm Meaney, Dominique McElligott, Tom Noonan, Ediie Spears, Ben Ester and Phil Burke.

"'Hell on Wheels' continues to be an epic journey in every way," Joel Stillerman, AMC's executive vice president of programming, production and digital content, said in a statement. "The amazing and passionate team of writers, producers, cast and crew, led by John Wirth, are pulling out all the stops to make this final season as compelling, dramatic and intense as the actual building of the railroad was. We're incredibly excited to share this part of the story with the large and loyal audience who have supported this show from the beginning."