

N O R T H E R N P A C I F I C R A I L W A Y C O M P A N Y

STATE OF MONTANA
VALUATION SECTION No. 4-A
RED MOUNTAIN BRANCH.

PRE-INVENTORY INFORMATION
GENERAL OUTLINE AND HISTORY OF THE WORK.

This is a single track branch line running from Helena to end of grade beyond Rimini.

Was constructed in the years 1886 and 1887 by the Helena and Red Mountain Railroad Company. The general work of grading, building bridges and culverts and tracklaying and surfacing was done by Donald Grant and Company under their contract of June 26th, 1887. Copy of the final estimate for this work has not yet been found, although a copy of the contract is submitted with the inventory.

In 1887 construction on an extension of 8500 feet, about 1.6 miles beyond Rimini was begun, the general work of grading being started by Mrs. Ella Lamy, under the terms of her unexecuted contract of August 17th, 1887. Because of trouble in securing right of way work on this contract was stopped and final estimate given Mrs. Lamy for what work she had done under date of October 31st, 1887. Part of this work was later completed by other forces of which no record has yet been found; beyond Rimini will be found this uncompleted switch back line, which is listed in the inventory as abandoned. (C.E. Old Vault File 71-6).

The Harrison Quarry Spur was built in the year 1889, the general work of grading being done by William Horrigan under terms of his accepted proposal of October 10th, 1889.

This line follows the course of Ten Mile Creek for the entire distance and numerous timber bridges were employed to care for the drainage, some 1169 lineal feet of which were later filled, partly by contract and partly by the Railway Company with its own forces.

A copy of all the final estimate vouchers which have been found covering roadway work are submitted with the inventory.

A list of items in abandoned roadbed is listed in the inventory and itemized separately.

The subsidence of the roadbed will be developed at time of Government inventory.