

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.10  
SHIELDS RIVER BRANCH.

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

This is a single track branch line extending from Mission to Wilsall.

Was constructed by the Shields River Valley Railway Company in the years 1909 and 1910.

The general work of grading, building bridges and culverts was done by Foley, Welch and Stuart under the terms of their contract of April 8th, 1909, and letter from the Chief Engineer dated December 16th, 1909, copies of which are submitted with the inventory.

The tracklaying and surfacing, and ballasting was done by the Railway Company with its own forces.

This line, crossing the Yellowstone River in the first mile, follows the valley of the Shields River for the entire distance. This is rather a narrow valley with numerous side streams. Considerable work has been necessary caring for the many irrigating ditches.

In mile 24 beyond the point to which the present track is laid is found some uncompleted grading. This grading is not regarded as abandoned property, and therefore is included in the regular grading inventory.

The ballast is composed of gravel coming from pits, the location of which is shown on print attached to the inventory.

Copies of all the final estimate vouchers which have been found covering roadway work are submitted with the inventory, together with list of extra work bills incurred under same on account of grading. This list does not pretend to be a complete statement of all the extra cost or in any sense a partial statement of original cost, but merely enumerates some of the items of extra cost found readily available.

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