

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

STATE OF MONTANA  
VALUATION SECTION NO.16-B  
ANACONDA BRANCH.

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

This is a single track branch line running from Stuart to Anaconda.

Was first constructed as a narrow guage railroad by the Montana Railway Company between March 1882 and December 1885, and was changed into a standard guage line between August 1st, 1886 and August 1st, 1887.

It seems from the meager information at hand that the original construction work was done by contract although copies of such contract or of the final estimates have not been found.

This line is operated by the Butte Anaconda and Pacific Railway Company under the terms of lease dated April 7-1914, effective May 17-1898, copy of which lease is submitted with the inventory.

The ballast is composed of tailings from the Anaconda Smelter and cinders from Anaconda.

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