

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

STATE OF WASHINGTON
VALUATION SECTION NO. 15 --
SNAKE RIVER BRANCH.

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

This is a single track line extending from Snake River Junction to Riparia (formerly called Texas Ferry).

Was built by the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Company in the years 1906, 1907 and 1908. The general work of grading and driving tunnels was done by Caughren, Winters, Smith and Company under contract of April 3rd, 1906. The tracklaying and surfacing and ballasting was done by Porter Brothers and Welch under their contract of March 11th, 1908. The right of way fence was built by Roberts Brothers and Rider under terms of their contract of August 25th, 1908. Copies of the above contracts and of the final estimate vouchers incurred under same are submitted with the inventory. Some grading was also done by Porter Brothers and Welch under their contract of July 14th, 1908.

This line runs up the Snake River, following the shore line for the entire distance. This river is a large navigable stream, having many high, steep, rocky bluffs and heavy construction work was required. The line is difficult of access from the land side and during construction a large amount of outfit and material was handled via steamboats.

The ballast is composed of rock, gravel and some cinders; the rock and gravel coming from local pits, the location of which is shown on blue print attached to the inventory and the cinders from Pasco.

Copies of all the final estimate vouchers which have been found covering roadway work are submitted with the inventory together with lists of extra work bills incurred under same on account of grading, crossings and signs and tunnels; these lists of extra work bills do not pretend to be a complete statement of all the extra cost or in any sense a partial statement of original cost, but merely enumerate some of the items of extra cost found readily available.

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