

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

STATE OF MONTANA * VALUATION SECTION NO.8

ROCKY FORK BRANCH.

PRE-INVENTORY INFORMATION.

GENERAL OUTLINE AND HISTORY OF THE WORK.

This is a single track branch line extending from Laurel to the coal fields at Red Lodge.

Was constructed by the Rocky Fork & Cooke City Railway Company in the years 1888 and 1889.

No record has yet been found to indicate the manner of original construction or of the quantities then handled.

This line crossing the Yellowstone River at Laurel, follows the valley of the Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone River to near Rockvale and from thereon follows Rock Creek and Rocky Fork Creek to Red Lodge.

Considerable work has been done on this section since the completion of the original construction period by the Railway Company with both its own forces and by contract, widening cuts and fills, replacing temporary bridges and culverts in permanent materials. Over 2500 lineal feet of temporary timber bridges have been filled, ballast has been placed, fencing done and other kindred work.

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

The ballast is composed of gravel coming from Edgar Pit, the location of which is shown on print filed with the inventory.

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

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