

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

STATE OF WASHINGTON.
VALUATION SECTION NO. 22-A
COWICHE BRANCH.

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

This is a single track branch line running from Cowiche Junction to Weikell.

Was built by the North Yakima and Valley Railway Company in the years 1912 - 1913 and 1914. From Cowiche Junction to Spitzenberg being constructed in 1912 and 1913 and from Spitzenberg to Weikell in 1913 and 1914.

From Cowiche Junction to Spitzenberg, the general work of grading, building bridges and culverts and tracklaying and surfacing was done by the Valley Construction Company under their contract of September 13th, 1912; from Spitzenberg to Weikell the same Company carried on the general construction work under the terms of their contract of April 1st, 1913. Copies of these contracts and of the final estimate vouchers returned under same are submitted with the inventory.

This line runs up the Cowiche River for the entire distance. Many road changes and channel changes were made and several dry masonry walls were constructed. Much of the grading for this branch occurred in solid rock and loose rock.

The ballast is composed of crushed rock coming from pits on the line Station 184 and 202; the work of preparing and placing this ballast seems to have been done by the Railway Company with its own forces.

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