



In 1929, the Southern Pacific-controlled Modoc Northern Railroad built 160 miles of track from Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Alturas, California, where it connected to the SP's recently standard-gauged Nevada-California-Oregon Railroad at Alturas, California. In the 1970's, SP abandoned the N-C-O line south of Alturas, after which the MN existed only to access perlite traffic at the end of the N-C-O at Lakeview, Oregon, and local lumber traffic along the route.

Note the bolted track in this westward view of the MN about 20 miles west of Alturas.





Eastward view of the MN at same location as previous. Note the flat terrain and ponds typical of the Modoc plateau.