



In 1867, Colorado Territorial Governor John Evans, together with David Moffat and other Colorado business leaders, partnered with East Coast investors to form the Denver Pacific Railway to link Denver and the Colorado Territory with the national rail network at Cheyenne, Wyoming, where the UP arrived in the same year. The DP broke ground on May 18, 1868, at a spot near where the Denver Coliseum now stands. The event was cheered by a crowd of nearly 1,000 local citizens. The line followed the South Platte River to present-day Greeley and the first train arrived in Denver from Cheyenne on June 24, 1870.

The DP crosses fairly flat grassland near Nunn, Colorado.