



Construction of the Gila Valley, Globe & Northern Railway began in 1884 from a junction with the Southern Pacific mainline at Bowie, Arizona (known as Teviston until 1908). Before completion to the mining town of Globe in 1899, the railroad came under the control of the Arizona Eastern Railroad. The AE extended the line a few miles to the mines at Miami, Arizona, in 1909, and merged into the SP system in 1924. SP sold the Bowie-Miami line to Kyle Railroad in 1988 and was purchased by shortline holding company StatesRail in 1995 and by RailAmerica in 2001. RailAmerica sold the railroad to Permian Basin Railways on December 9, 2004.

Sand accumulates between the rails at the southern end of the GVG&N grade at Bowie. The switch controls the wye at the GVG&N junction with the SP. Hopper cars that carry ore from Globe and Miami await their next duty, while a container train works the SP mainline in the distance.



Westward view of the Bowie tracks; the two tracks at the left are the SP mainline, the other tracks are sidings, and in the right-most track is GVG&N.



Bowie's Central Avenue, with SP crossing in distance, is boarded up, as is the "main street" in many rail junction towns.