



In 1881, construction of the D&RG (1883n) narrow gauge mainline reached Gunnison, Colorado, where the D&RG continued building both westward to complete its mainline to Utah and northward through this location near Almont to reach the mining center of Crested Butte, the latter reached in 1881. Crested Butte produced primarily coal but also silver and gold. By 1955, the D&RG Crested Butte Branch (1881n) and the entire D&RG (1883n) narrow gauge mainline were abandoned.

Southwestward view of the fill grade (foreground) of the D&RG Crested Butte Branch (1881n) near Almont, about halfway between Gunnison and Crested Butte.



A slightly different southwestward view of the fill grade of the D&RG Crested Butte Branch (1881n) near Almont. The cow on the far right is partially blocked by the fill grade.