



In late 1879 or early 1880, the Southern Pacific pushed its Sunset Route (1881) line eastward through this location at Red Rock, Arizona. A steel water tower was subsequently built to serve the thirsty steam locomotives that plied the southern Arizona desert for 70 years. Picacho Peak, a southern Arizona landmark, is visible in the center distance of this northwestward view.



Another view of the water tower at Red Rock. Note the double track, one with upgraded concrete ties.