



The Mojave Northern Railroad was originally built in 1915-16 by the Southwestern Portland Cement Company from its plant in Victorville, California, on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe's California Southern (1885) mainline, northward 5.5 miles to Sidewinder Valley. The MN was extended 5 miles east to Bell Mountain (this location) in 1947 and 7 more miles east to the Reserve Quarry in 1951. The MN today is a private carrier subsidiary of Cemex.

In this eastward view of the MN (1916-1951) at Bell Mountain, the Reserve Quarry, also known as the Black Mountain Quarry, is the white scar on the mountain in the right distance.



Eastward view of the MN (1916-1951), 2 miles east of the previous location. This part of the MN was built in 1951 and the track ends at the quarry on the hillside. A guard house prevents exploration of the last 5 miles of the MN between here and the Reserve/Black Mountain Quarry.

