



The San Luis Central is a privately-held shortline built in 1913 to handle sugar beet traffic, but eventually transitioned to hauling other agricultural products when beets didn't work out. The route runs 13 miles north from a connection with the Denver & Rio Grande Creede Branch (1883n), now San Luis & Rio Grande), to Center, Colorado (this location). The SLC was never part of the D&RG system and was originally built as a standard gauge road, having been built about a decade after the D&RG Creede Branch was converted to standard gauge.

Southward view of the SLC (1913) at the agricultural center of Center, Colorado, 1,800 feet south of the end of track. Trackside agricultural facilities, including silos and warehouses, line the sidings and spurs. Note the spur that curves out of the picture to the right (west).





Southeastward view a few steps west of the previous location. The curved track in the foreground is the spur noted in the previous photo; it connects in the distance with the SLC (1913). The rail to the right is another spur, which once connected to the main spur via a now-removed switch.





Northward view at the same location as previous. The abandoned spur is on the left and the active spur is on the right. The SLC (1913) mainline is visible in the upper right.





Northward view of the SLC (1913) a few steps east of the previous location, back on the SLC (1913) mainline. The spurs are just out of sight on the right.



Southeastward view of the SLC (1913) end of track, 1,800 feet north of the previous location.