



The Southern Pacific-controlled Fernley & Lassen Railroad was constructed in 1912-1914 between Fernley, Nevada, where it connected with the Southern Pacific (original Central Pacific) mainline, and Westwood, California, where the Western Pacific would later build a line in 1931. The railroad was constructed to provide rail access for the Red River Lumber Company in Westwood. After the railroad's construction, it was used by other nearby lumber companies. After 1931, the F&L could not compete with the Western Pacific's branch to Westwood. By 1934, passenger service had been discontinued, with freighting ending in 1956 and abandonment of the line in 1978.

The F&L's Susanville Depot was built in 1927 and now serves as the main trailhead for the Bizz Johnson National Recreation Trail. A few hundred yards of track remain near the station. The Bizz Johnson rail-to-trail follows the F&L grade 25 miles from Susanville west to the former Mason Station (at the WP Inside Gateway line).





The switch for the Susanville Depot siding; the depot is the pink building in the distance. This eastward view shows most of the rails still present and the Bizz Johnson trail to the left.



The western end-of-track west of the Susanville Depot.



The Devil's Corral Trestle was built in 1913 to carry the F&L over a crossing of the Susan River, which the F&L followed almost the entire distance west of Susanville to Westwood. The eastern (near) 90 feet of the trestle was originally wood, but that was destroyed by a wildfire in 2000; in 2010 it was rebuilt as an entirely steel trestle for the Bizz Johnson Trail.



The old road beneath the Devil's Corral trestle is Old Highway 36, which was opened in 1923 and featured the Devil's Corral Highway Bridge over the Susan River, shown here. When the bridge was dedicated in 1923, a special F&L passenger train brought attendees the 5 miles west from Susanville to the dedication ceremony.



The Devil's Corral trestle over the Susan River, which the F&L grade follows eastward (downstream) about 25 miles east of Susanville to terminal Honey Lake.



F&L grade through Ponderosa pines, today a rail-to-trail.



Concrete culvert for F&L.





Some ties are still present on the F&L grade.