



The narrow gauge Denver & Rio Grande Railroad reached Leadville in 1880 and was completed over Tennessee Pass to Aspen in 1887. The route was converted to standard gauge around 1890 and supplanted the D&RG's original Marshall Pass Route as its mainline across the Rockies. In 1934, the D&RG's Dotsero Cutoff was completed and the Tennessee Pass Route was supplanted by the Moffat Tunnel Route; the Tennessee Pass Route (shown here) has been inactive since the late 1990's.

The D&RG (now Union Pacific) follows the Arkansas River from Pueblo to Tennessee Pass, as shown here near Kobe, Colorado. The Colorado Midland grade should be somewhere in this view, maybe under the highway.