



The Laramie, Hahns Peak & Pacific Railway was established in 1901 and began at a junction with the Union Pacific at Laramie, Wyoming. The LHP&P reached 30 miles to the mining camp of Centennial in 1907, by which time mining in the Medicine Bow Mountains had mostly died out, then turned 90 degrees to the south to coal deposits at Coalmont in North Park, Colorado. The first train reached Coalmont in December 1911. In 1914, the Colorado, Wyoming & Eastern Railroad took control, followed by the Northern Colorado & Eastern Railroad, the Laramie, North Park & Western Railroad, and finally the UP in 1935. UP operated the line under the LNP&W name until 1951, when the LNP&W became the Coalmont Branch of the UP. Shortline Wyoming Colorado Railroad bought the line in 1987 and subsequently abandoned it.

This is the abandoned LHP&P grade at Foxpark, Wyoming, about 9 miles north of the Colorado border, where the grade climbs the eastern slope of the Medicine Bow Mountains to reach North Park. The grade over the mountains required significant fills, as shown here, and cuts, to negotiate its way over the Medicine Bow Mountains.



The abandoned LHP&P grade at Wyocolo, Wyoming, just steps north of the Colorado border and at the summit of the grade across the Medicine Bow Mountains. The grade over the mountains incurred significant operating costs in winter.



The LHP&P grade at Wyocolo, the same location as above. Note the deep cut in the foreground.