



Construction of the Gila Valley, Globe & Northern Railway began in 1884 from a junction with the Southern Pacific mainline at Bowie, Arizona. Before completion to the mining town of Globe in 1899, the railroad came under the control of the Arizona Eastern Railroad. The AE extended the line 10 miles to the mines at Miami, Arizona, in 1909, and merged into the SP system in 1924. SP sold the Bowie-Miami line to Kyle Railroad in 1988 and was purchased by shortline holding company StatesRail in 1995 and by RailAmerica in 2001. RailAmerica sold the railroad to Permian Basin Railways in 2004. From 2008 to 2011, weekend excursion service under the name Copper Spike operated from Globe to the Apache Gold Hotel Casino near San Carlos.

The GVG&N reached Peridot, Arizona, now within the San Carlos Indian Reservation, around 1898, following a tributary of the Gila River up to Globe.