



In 1891, the Silver City & Northern Railroad was built north from a connection with the Silver City, Deming & Pacific Railroad at a location called Whitewater. The AT&SF acquired this line in 1898 and extended it 4 miles to Santa Rita. The line struggled until 1910 when the Chino Copper Company acquired the copper resources, developed the open pit Chino mine, and built a smelter at Hurley (located about halfway between Whitewater and the end-of-track at Santa Rita). In 1990, the Southwestern Railroad acquired the SC&N/AT&SF trackage.

The SC&N splits at a location called Cobre, with the inactive northern branch going to mines at Hanover and Fierro at the end-of-track. Rails are missing on part of the line, as seen in this northward view with Hanover mine headworks in the distance.





Another view of missing rails just south of Hanover.





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An abandoned loading facility on the SC&N at Hanover.





Abandoned loading facility on the SC&N at Hanover, with abandoned mine headworks in the distance.





Part of a switch for a siding at the abandoned loading facility on the SC&N at Hanover.



The SC&N line and Hanover abandoned mine headworks.