

The Apache Railway was incorporated in September 1917, grading began in October 1917, and construction of the entire 72-mile line from Holbrook -- on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, formerly Atlantic & Pacific mainline -- to what would become the logging town of McNary, was completed in July 1920. In the 1970's, the White Mountain Apache Tribe stopped selling logs to Southwest Forest Industries and in the early 1980's the line was cut back to the town of Snowflake.

Westward view of the Apache Railway near the current end-of-track at Snowflake. Note the flat topography of the Colorado Plateau.



The current Apache Railway end-of-track at a small plant at Snowflake.