



The Black Mesa and Lake Powell Railroad was constructed in 1973 to transport coal 78 miles from Peabody Energy's Kayenta Mine near Kayenta, Arizona, through this location near Cow Springs, Arizona, to the Navajo Generating Station at Page, Arizona. The BM&LP is entirely within the Navajo Nation and is isolated from other railroads. The line was the first railroad to be electrified at 50,000 volts.

Northeastward view of the BM&LP (1973) near Cow Springs. The road is nicely constructed with welded track and concrete ties. The grades are easy on the broad mesas but require cuts and fills where the route crosses from one mesa to the next or crosses a drainage; a slight cut grade is visible in the distance.



Southwestward view of the BM&LP (1973) at the same location as previous.