



The McCloud River Railroad was a logging railroad that began at a connection with the California & Oregon Railroad at Mount Shasta, California, and reached McCloud in 1901 and Bartle in 1905. Between 1921 to 1929, Pacific Gas and Electric built and abandoned a branch line southward from Bartle to support construction of several dams across the Pit River (this branch is not indicated separately on the map). In 1955, the MR built a branch line south from Bartle to Burney, California, to service logging in that area; this line used the earlier PG&E grade for most of its length. Around 2005, the railroad abandoned the entire line except for the original 18 miles between McCloud and Mount Shasta, which operated briefly for excursions.

This trestle on the MR Burney Branch crosses Lake Britton, one of the lakes created by PG&E dams on the Pit River in the 1920's. This location is about 10 miles north of the end of the line in Burney and is the approximate location of the end of the 1920's PG&E railroad.



Top view of the trestle on the MR Burney Branch across Lake Britton; the trestle was built in 1954-55 and abandoned around 2005.





The grade of the MR Burney Branch about 5 miles north of Burney.





Rails are still present in the road on the MR Burney Branch about 2 miles north of the end of track at Burney.





At Burney, the branch has two spurs to access logging. This grade is near the end of one spur about 3 miles southwest of Burney.





The second of two spurs at Burney, about 1 mile southeast of Burney.