

The narrow gauge Nevada–California–Oregon Railway, known colloquially as the "Narrow, Crooked and Ornery" railroad, reached Lakeview, Oregon, in 1912. The Southern Pacific purchased the N-C-O and by 1928 had converted the N-C-O to standard gauge. The former N-C-O/SP line winds along the western shore of Goose Lake, in the distance, in this southwest view located about 20 miles south of Lakeview. Goose Lake is a Great Basin playa and the slope in the foreground is a normal fault.



Today, the Lake County Railroad owns the 54-mile section of the former N-C-O/SP line connecting Alturas to Lakeview and exists almost exclusively to transport perlite out of Lakeview, Oregon. Here the line ends at the Tucker Hill Perlite facility.