



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.

The Apache Railway winds its way across red sandstone and mudstone of the Triassic Moenkopi Formation on the Colorado Plateau, 5 miles south of the AT&SF (originally Atlantic & Pacific, now BNSF) mainline at Holbrook.



Another section of the Apache Railway south of Holbrook.



The Apache Railway joins the AT&SF (now BNSF) mainline at Holbrook.



The switch for the Apache Railway connection to the AT&SF (now BNSF) mainline at Holbrook.



The Apache Railway begins its climb to higher elevation logging country, with several sidings and the double-track mainline of the AT&SF (now BNSF) in the foreground.



Sidings and switches of the AT&SF (now BNSF) yard at Holbrook.



The AT&SF Holbrook Depot, bypassed by today's BNSF.

