



THE FRONT COVER: The WT&J (Wichita, Tillman & Jackson) Railway Company crossing the Red River south of Devol, Oklahoma during the 2003 floods in southern Oklahoma. Beginning rail freight operations in Oklahoma in 1991, the WT&J connected with the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Wauka and with both the BNSF Railway Company and Union Pacific in Wichita Falls, Texas. One of Oklahoma's shortline (Class III) freight operators, the WT&J operates two State-owned track segments; Altus to Devol, a distance of 62 miles, and Wauka to Walters, another 24 mile segment.



The Union Pacific Railroad with the merger of the Southern Pacific links the South and the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, Rocky Mountains, Pacific Coast and the Northwest. The UP also runs on 335 miles of state owned trackage.



The Kansas City Southern Railway winds south following the border states of Missouri and Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, branching into Texas and Louisiana to major ports along the Gulf of Mexico linking eastern Oklahoma cities and the forest industry.



The Kiamichi Railroad, out of Hugo, Oklahoma provides rail service for the eastern Red River Valley. It links the area to major carriers going west in Oklahoma, east to Arkansas and south towards Dallas-Fort Worth and northeastern Texas.



Farmrail, as Oklahoma's original shortline operator on State owned rail lines since 1951, has provided a valuable rail freight service for over 25 years. Farmrail also operates 186 miles of former Burlington Northern track as Grainbelt Corporation.



The Stillwater Central Railroad began operation on State of Oklahoma trackage; Stillwater to Panama and from Sapulpa to Oklahoma City. They have recently purchased additional tracks from Mustang to west of Snyder, all from former BNSF lines.



The Hollis & Eastern Railroad, a short line running west from Altus, Oklahoma was built in 1910 by the Fort Worth & North-western branch of the Katy (Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad) that ran through both the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles.



The Wichita, Tillman & Jackson Railway derived its name from two Oklahoma counties and southernmost destination of Wichita Falls. This route was once MKT's western Oklahoma branch line. Also operating out of Walters, it connects with the UP in Wauka.



The South Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, with its trocops in Kansas, provides a main link to Tulsa for freight connecting to their tracks operated by the Stillwater Central Railroad through Oklahoma City, Chickasha, Lawton and Altus.



The Austin, Todd & Ladd Railroad operates over their own trackage between Watkins and Geary. Between Geary and El Reno it is operated under a lease purchase agreement with the State of Oklahoma. Tracks are from the former C.R.I.R.P.



The Texas, Oklahoma & Eastern Railroad of southeastern Oklahoma serves forestry and timber related industry around McCurtain County before linking up with its sister railroad, the De Queen & Eastern Railroad east from the Arkansas border.



The Arkansas Oklahoma Railroad operates the east to west rail line from McAlester to Howe, once part of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific. They also provide the freight service along the Union Pacific's Oklahoma City to Shawnee line.



The Tulsa Port of Catoosa began operation on the headwaters of the Arkansas River Navigation System in 1971. Switching engines move cars to the loading platforms where large cranes work the barges. The BNSF and the SK&O provide access.



The Heartland Flyer paralleling the Washita River on a spring day in the Arbuckle Mountains in southern Oklahoma on its daily round-trip to Fort Worth, Texas. "The Flyer" experienced its record highest ridership this past contractual year with over 81,000 people taking advantage of and enjoying the convenience and comfort of this alternate transportation mode. The Heartland Flyer will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the return of full-time Amtrak passenger rail service to Oklahoma on June 14, 2009.



The Sand Springs Union Railway was built by philanthropist Charles Page, who endowed it's passenger profits to the Sand Springs Home for Orphans & Widowed Mothers. It now serves as a freight line to and from Tulsa and Sand Springs industrial parks.



The Tulsa Sapulpa Union Railway is a commercial route that connects Sapulpa's light and heavy industry. First built as a interurban commuter train, it runs on a route that parallels what was once America's most famous highway, U.S. Route 66.



The Southwestern Railroad Company is one of several modern short lines in Oklahoma that were once branch lines of major carriers. Heading west from Shattuck in Ellis County it links Texas panhandle's wheat and cattle country to the BNSF.



The Northwestern Oklahoma Railroad is an industrial spur that furnishes trains through Woodward, Oklahoma's business and warehouse district. The NWO is a section of tracks that once ran north from the Red River to the tip of the panhandle.



The Port of Muskogee Railroad works the loading docks and railyard that services this inland port and barges traveling along the Arkansas River Navigation System. This vital shipping link allows Oklahoma better access to the world market.

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Throughout Oklahoma, the State of Oklahoma has been recognized as a national leader in strategic rail purchase, rail rehabilitation and coordination. The State has developed an eight-year program to acquire and expand rail operations with seven different operators on fourteen segments of state owned track. The length of these lines are currently in excess of 500 miles of rail lines. The majority of these lines are currently in the hands of private rail operators. The State has developed a program to acquire over 600 miles of rail lines with access to major rail centers. This program is currently in the planning stages. The State has also developed a program to acquire a number of shortline rail lines and to provide a program which provides free from the Oklahoma through its Rail Programs Division. The State of Oklahoma through its Rail Programs Division has developed a program to acquire a number of shortline rail lines and to provide a program which provides free from the Oklahoma through its Rail Programs Division. The State of Oklahoma through its Rail Programs Division has developed a program to acquire a number of shortline rail lines and to provide a program which provides free from the Oklahoma through its Rail Programs Division.

