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Historical Background
The Boca & Loyalton was incorporated September 25, 1900. The B&L operated from Portola, California, eastward 5.7 miles to Beckwith, then south 40 miles to Boca on the Southern Pacific. A 1.6 mile branch known as the Grizzly Creek Spur extended north from the main line at a point 3.3 miles east of Portola. Another branch just east of Beckwith at Horton Junction went north to provide a connection with the Clover Valley Lumber Company. The B&L engine house and shops
were at Loyalton. There was another engine house at Boca.

The Western Pacific Railroad purchased the B&L in 1916 (title transferred December 1, 1916). Only portions of the line remained in use: 11.86 miles from Loyalton north to Hawley; service discontinued 1957) and the Grizzly Creek line which became part of WP’s Gulling Branch (abandoned 1940).

For additional information, see David F. Myrick *Railroads of Nevada and Eastern California. Volume 1: The Northern Roads* (1990).