

Rocky Mtn

At Butte, Montana,
July Second,
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Mr. A. J. Earling,
PRESIDENT,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The surveys over the Rocky Mountains are about completed and the entire work should be finished by July 15th.

The line to be constructed from connection with the Choteau line to the junction with the Clear Water is 120 miles and costs almost exactly, for a one percent line in both directions over the mountains, ten million dollars. By the construction of a 1.5 line on the east side of the Rockies, about four miles can be saved, with a reduced cost of about one million dollars. Change of grade on the west side would make no saving.

The connection of the Rocky Mountain line with the Choteau, has been changed so that we make no gain by laying the Choteau line on the south side of Sun River Valley. I have, therefore, put it on the north side, where it was originally located. This will make a saving of about \$60,000.

I think the surveys will be in your hands during the third week in July.

Very truly yours,

(E.O. Reeder) ?

This was the decision to keep the Choteau line on the North side of Sun River and make the Rocky Mtn line connect with the Choteau line in Sec 30-21-RIE near what was to become Dracut Jet after the IT GN-Miles line 5 1937.