

## SIX COMPANIES (BOULDER BRANCH LINE), HUMBOLT COUNTY, NEVADA

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### INTRODUCTION

This report is part of a research project that describes the relationships between mines and railroads in the Mojave Desert and southwestern Great Basin of southeastern California and southwestern Nevada. t

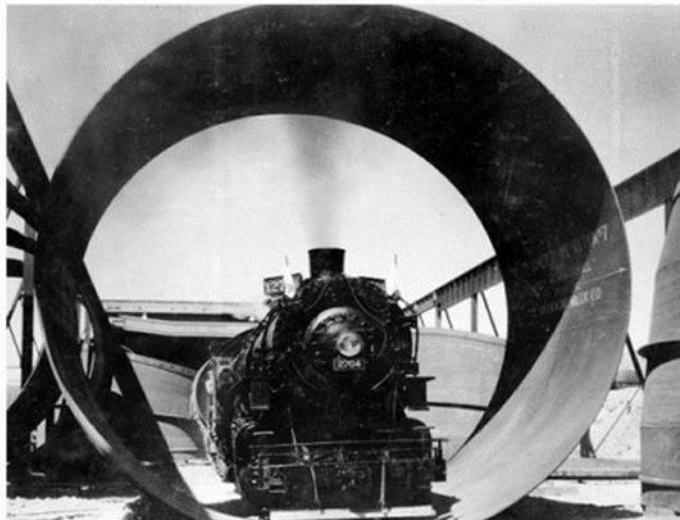
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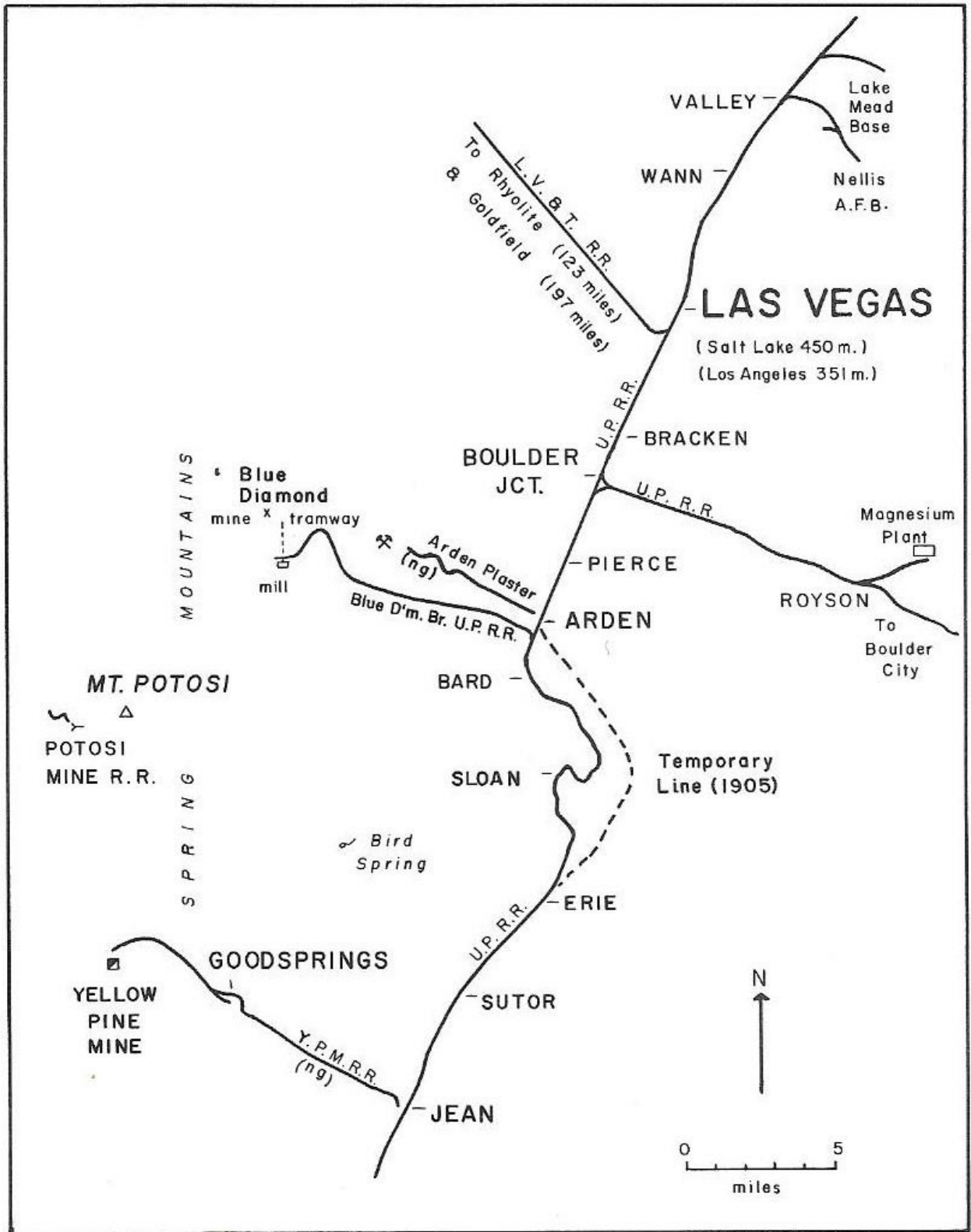
### HISTORY

The Six Companies railroad connected to the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad south of Las Vegas.

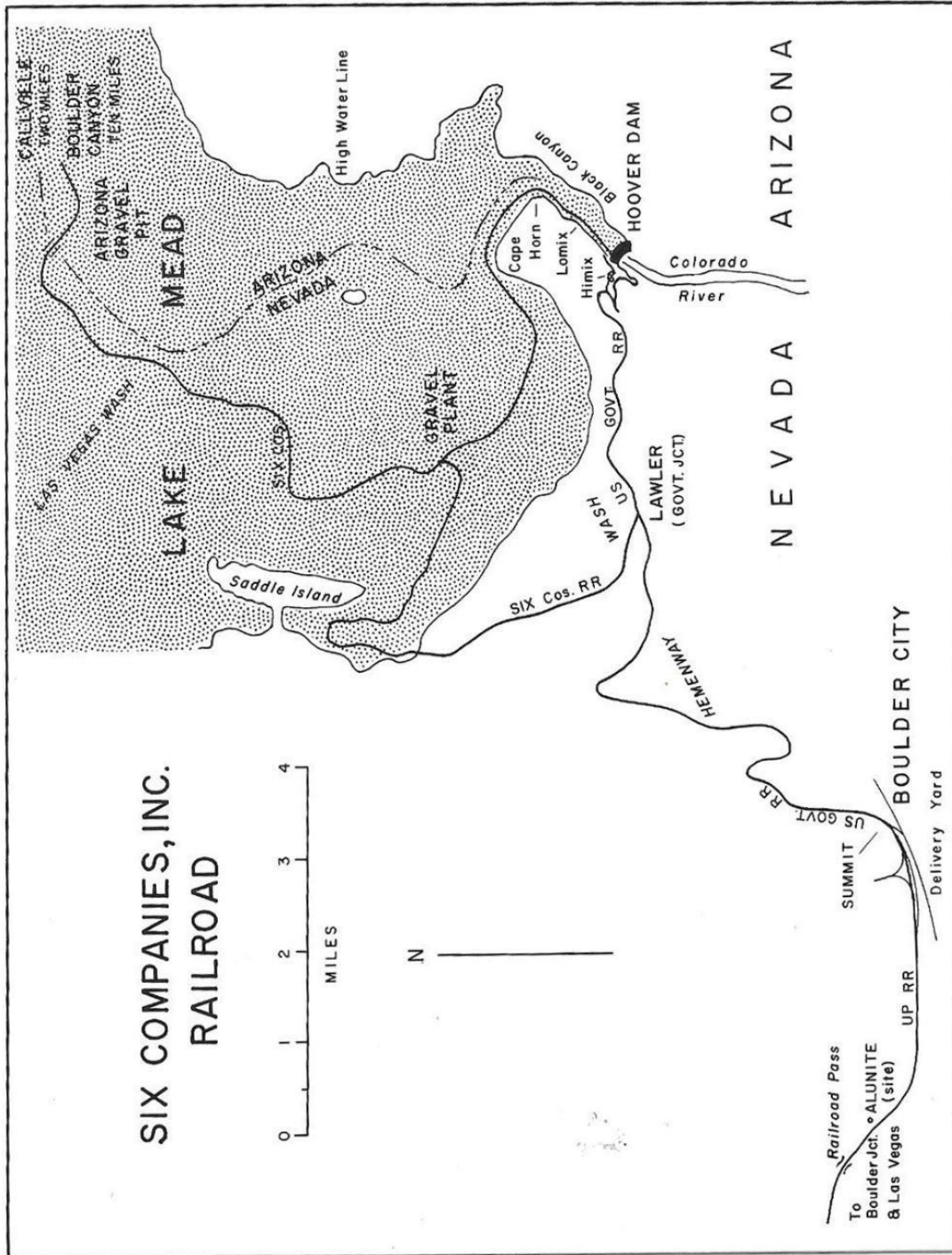
It took more than a heroic effort to build Hoover Dam in the 1930S. it also took a railroad. The Boulder Branch Line was set up by Union Pacific (formerly the LA&SL) in 1931 to haul all the project's building materials. The Six Companies railroad was built to a point near the dam and operated through December 1, 1961. In that time it had transported 35,000 carloads of construction materials weighing about 2,000,000 tons (Myrick, 1963:734-752).



Caption: Six companies locomotive and Hoover Dam giant pipe. From thelasvegastourist.com Broken link in [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com) accessed Jan. 16, 2024.



Caption: Las Vegas Area railroads. From Myrick, 1963, p. 761.



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Caption: First train in Railroad Pass, Boulder Dam Project. From <https://historicalvegasproject.com/Hoover-Dam.html> accessed feb. 11, 2024



**Caption:** Six Companies railroad tunnel. From National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; <https://historicalvegasproject.com/Hoover-Dam.html> accessed Feb. 12, 2024.

## REFERENCES

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