

EXPLORING STEEL ENERGY AND THE WEST



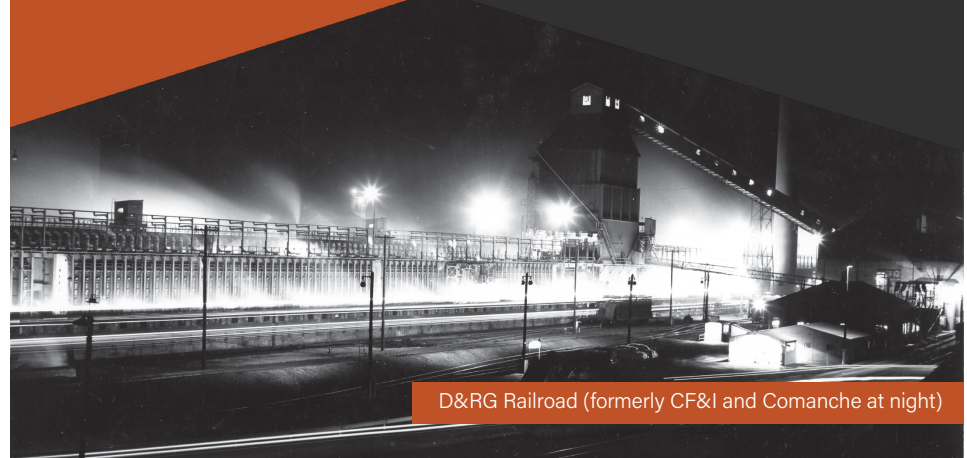
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RAILROAD RAILS

The rail mill at the steelworks could possibly be the most important portion of the facility in terms of significance to the development of the American west. Railroad rails were one of the first products manufactured at the steelworks. Railroads brought people and products to the region, but not before thousands of miles of rail were installed. General William Jackson Palmer, the founder of the steelworks, also founded the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. It was no coincidence that Palmer founded both companies as one relied on the other. The railroad also transported coal from the company's mines to the steelworks to produce all its steel products. The rail mill in Pueblo remains an important rail industry supplier.



D&RG Railroad (formerly CF&I and Comanche at night)