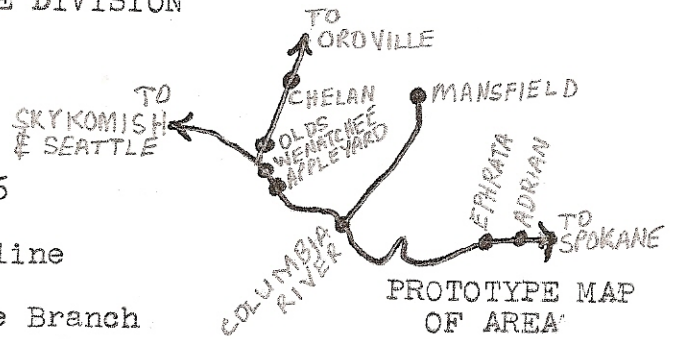


GREAT NORTHERN-SPOKANE DIVISION

- room size: 17'-2" by 28'-4"
- layout heights: 47 to 54 inches
- roadbed: Homabed on 1/2" plywood
- track: Atlas code 100 flex
- turnouts: mostly Atlas Custom Line #6 (modified for appearance)
- scratch built #8's on mainline
- min. radius: 30" with easements
- grades: .7% mainline--1.2% Oroville Branch



This layout portrays the Great Northern Railway in central Washington state. The division point was Wenatchee, on the banks of the Columbia River. Wenatchee calls itself the apple capital of the world. Due to the very arid conditions of the area, all of the many orchards are near irrigation. Wenatchee was where they put on the electric locomotives to westbound trains for the run through the 8 mile long Cascade Tunnel. They used the newer electrics from 1929 to 1956.

The era on the layout varies. With mostly steam & electrics running, it is 1949. With all diesels running, it is 1959-1967. All of the structures are generic to both eras. All that I change are the locos, cabooses, autos and trucks. My intention is to switch the layout back and forth from steam to diesel every couple of years.

I spent 17 years collecting steam and building and painting diesels and rolling stock before moving into this house. Construction started in 1985 by erecting the walls, lighting and ceiling. The walls were painted blue and the clouds painted on using stencils. Benchwork started in 1986.