

# Royal Gorge Route



The Royal Gorge Route Railroad's newest addition to its motive power roster is a 3,000 horsepower EMD GP-40. EMD became the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors, which has produced diesel locomotives from 1941. It was built for the Western Pacific Railroad as order number 7272 in August of 1970. Originally numbered 3521 with serial number 36828, this locomotive was part of a second group of 59 total GP-40's that served as the backbone of the Western Pacific Railroad during its last decade

of existence. In 1982, when the Western Pacific merged into the Union Pacific, the locomotive was renumbered UP 670 and served that railroad until its lease expired in 1985. Starting in 1987, the locomotive was then juggled around to various shortlines and lessors serving on the Chicago Missouri & Western (CMNW), the Genesee & Wyoming (GWWR) and the Wisconsin Central as number 3004. Finally renumbered its current 3104, it last served Progress Rail (PRLX) and S&S Rail (SSRX) until a thorough rebuilding in Progress Rail's Kansas City Shops readied it for its new life here in Southern Colorado proudly hauling thousands of passengers through the breathtaking Royal Gorge.

