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Thank you for your help.

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Michelle: Kit Morgan requested that I provide you the following information:

[List of work and estimated cost that needs to be done to active state owned lines in the North Country.](#)

Please find attached the NH DOT Bureau of Rail and Transit 2008-09 Capital Budget Railroad Projects. Specific to the North Country is \$ 100,000 for Surfacing and Alignment on the Whitefield-Groveton Line (Groveton Branch). In addition to these, we spent approximately \$ 650,000 in 2007-2008 upgrading rail, crossties and 3 road crossings on the Groveton Branch.

[What would need to be done to state owned in active lines to make them active?](#)

Littleton - Woodsville, Jefferson - Gorham, Colebrook - West Stewartstown sections would need the following:

- Clear and grub vegetative growth.
- Remove old ballast and compact subgrade
- Repairs to bridges and culverts
- Place new ballast
- Purchase and place new crossties
- Purchase and install new or relay rail and Other Track Materials
- Surface and align new track structure
- Construct new at-grade crossings (possibly with the installation of signals).

(A significant cost depending on operational requirements are the individual switches @ \$20,000 - \$30,000 each)

A significant amount of rail traffic would need to be assured before these lines could be reactivated.

[Where I might find a description of rail lines and overview of ownership and operation.](#)

State Rail Plan Chapter 2

Specifically:

Berlin Branch Pg 25
Groveton Branch Pg 39

Mountain Division Pg 49 (Now operation would be New Hampshire Central)
North Stratford/Beecher Falls Branch Pg 57

[Amount and type of freight that is handled on the lines.](#)

200 to 300 cars per year, plastics, heating fuels and railroad cars for repair at the North Stratford railroad car repair facility.

<<2008-09 Capital Budget Projects.xls>>