Why a Black & White Monochrome Layout?

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It was an evolution.

- 1. I'm not good at painting backgrounds.
- 2. I'm not great at making mountains etc.
- **3.** I wanted a layout that was not hard to scenic.
- **4.** I found all these great B&W pictures of the Hetch Hetchy Railroad.
- 5. Hey! Why not just put pictures on the walls?
- 6. Hey! Why not mimic the pictures on the layout?
- 7. Hey! Why not a B&W layout like the photos?

THIS WILL BE UNIQUE, FUN AND EASY!

Unique: YES! Fun: YES! Easy: NO!

- Almost no B&W commercial scenery material.
- Very hard to match the picture B&W tones.
 - Proper lighting is extremely important.
- B&W pictures do not consistently print B&W.
- I've got to paint ALL the rolling stock.
- I've got to paint the TREES!
- Lots of experimenting.
- Still a work in progress.....