Calculating Line Lengths and Statistics

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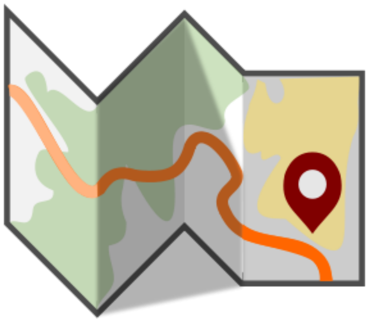

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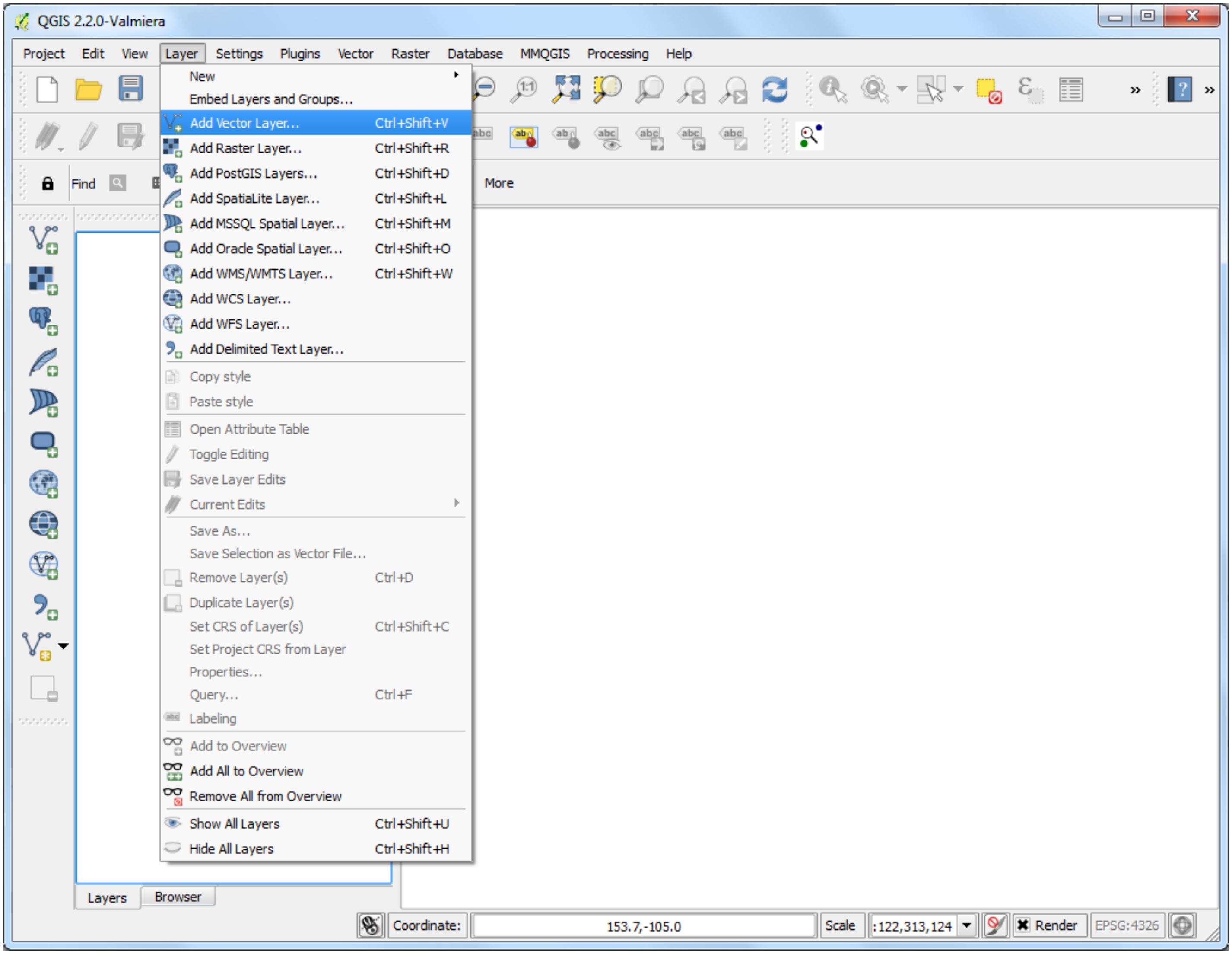
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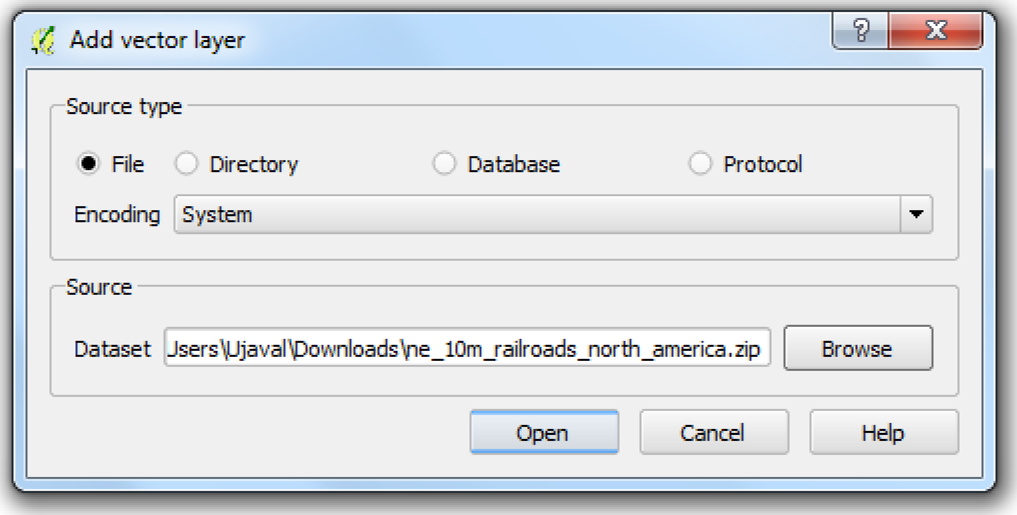
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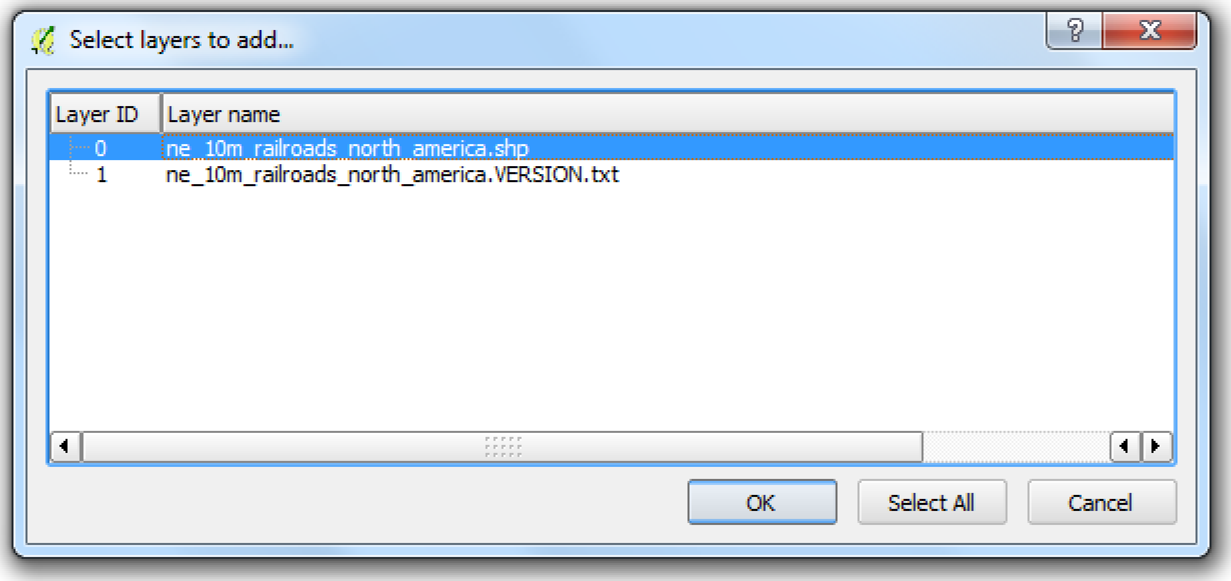
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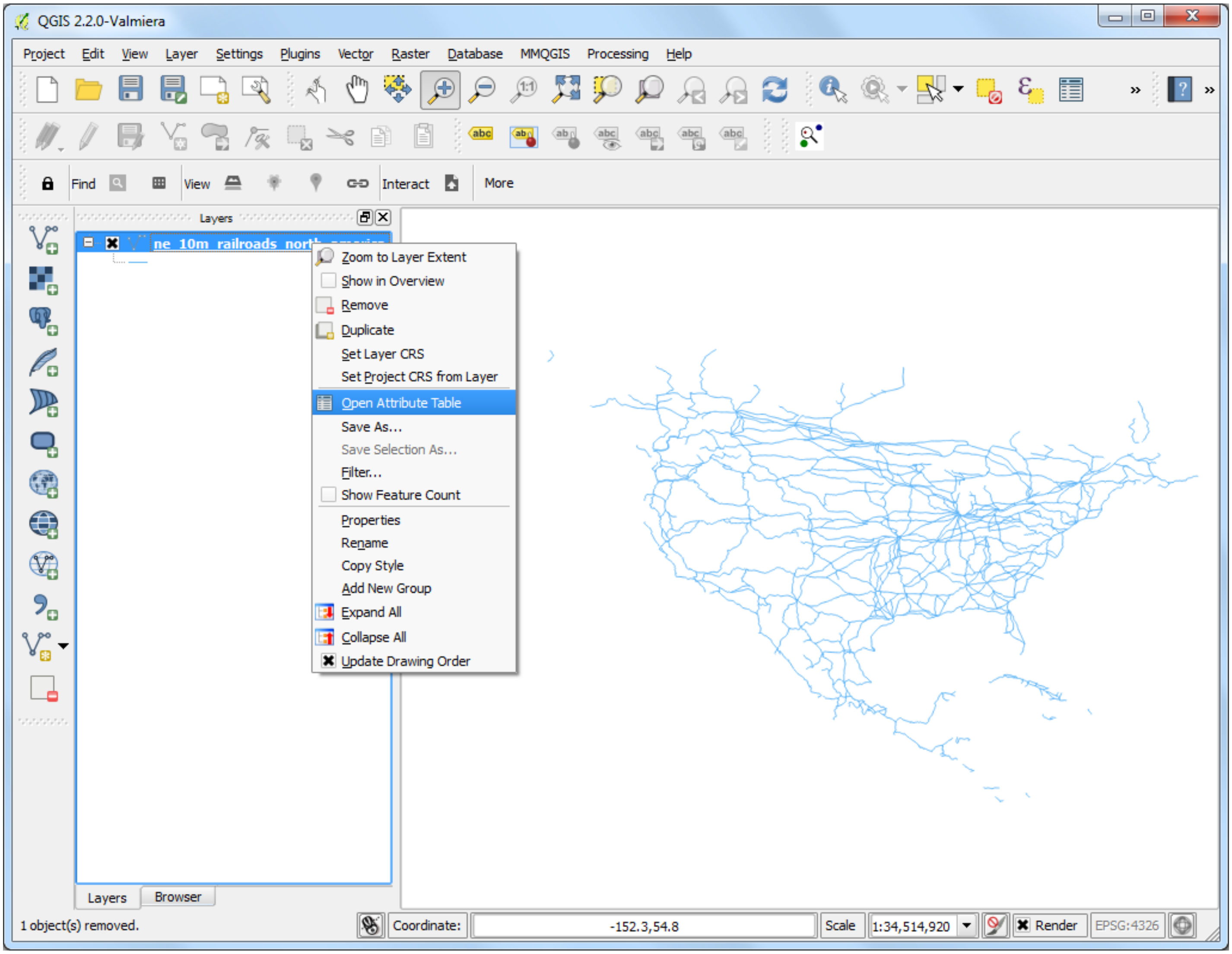
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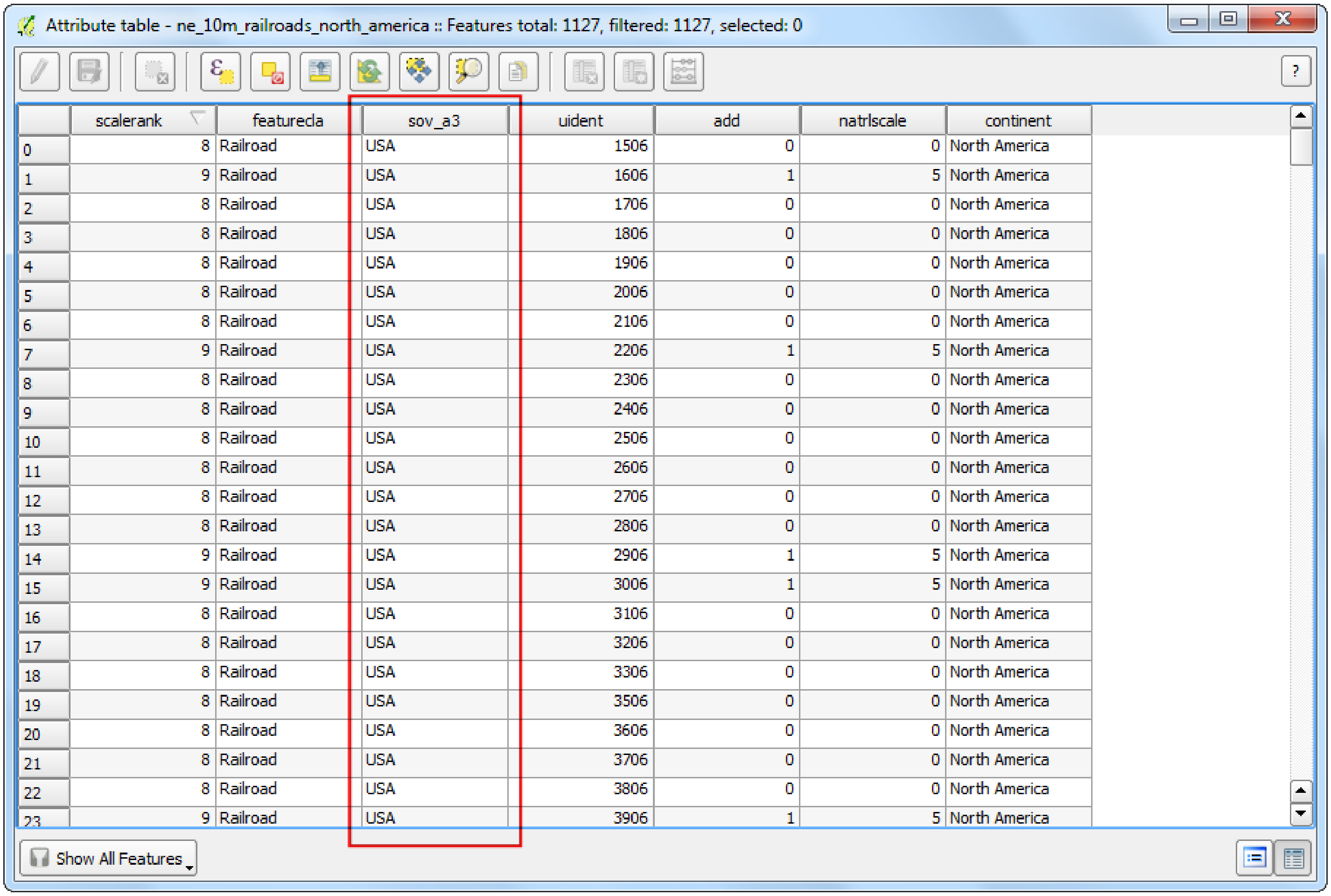

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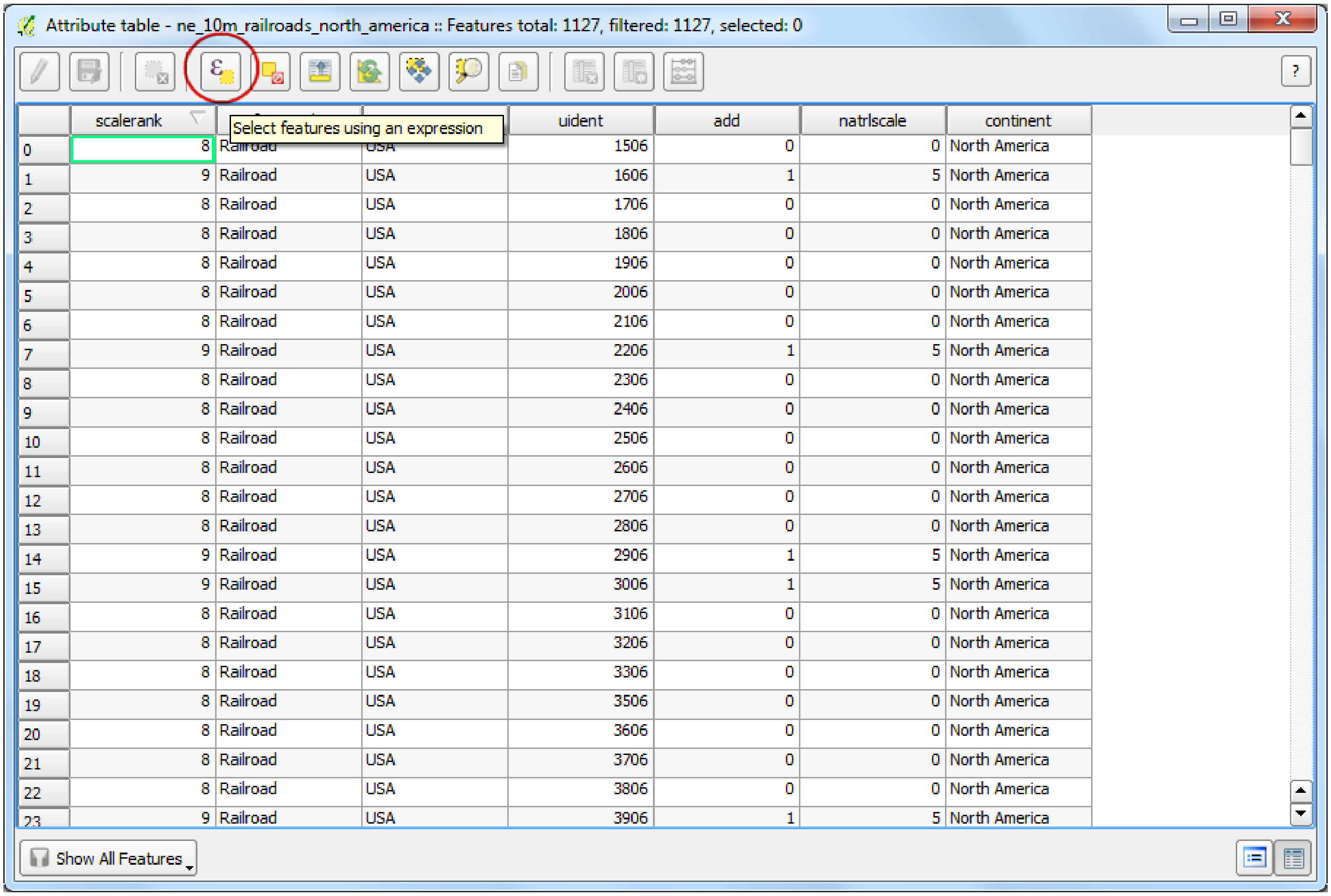
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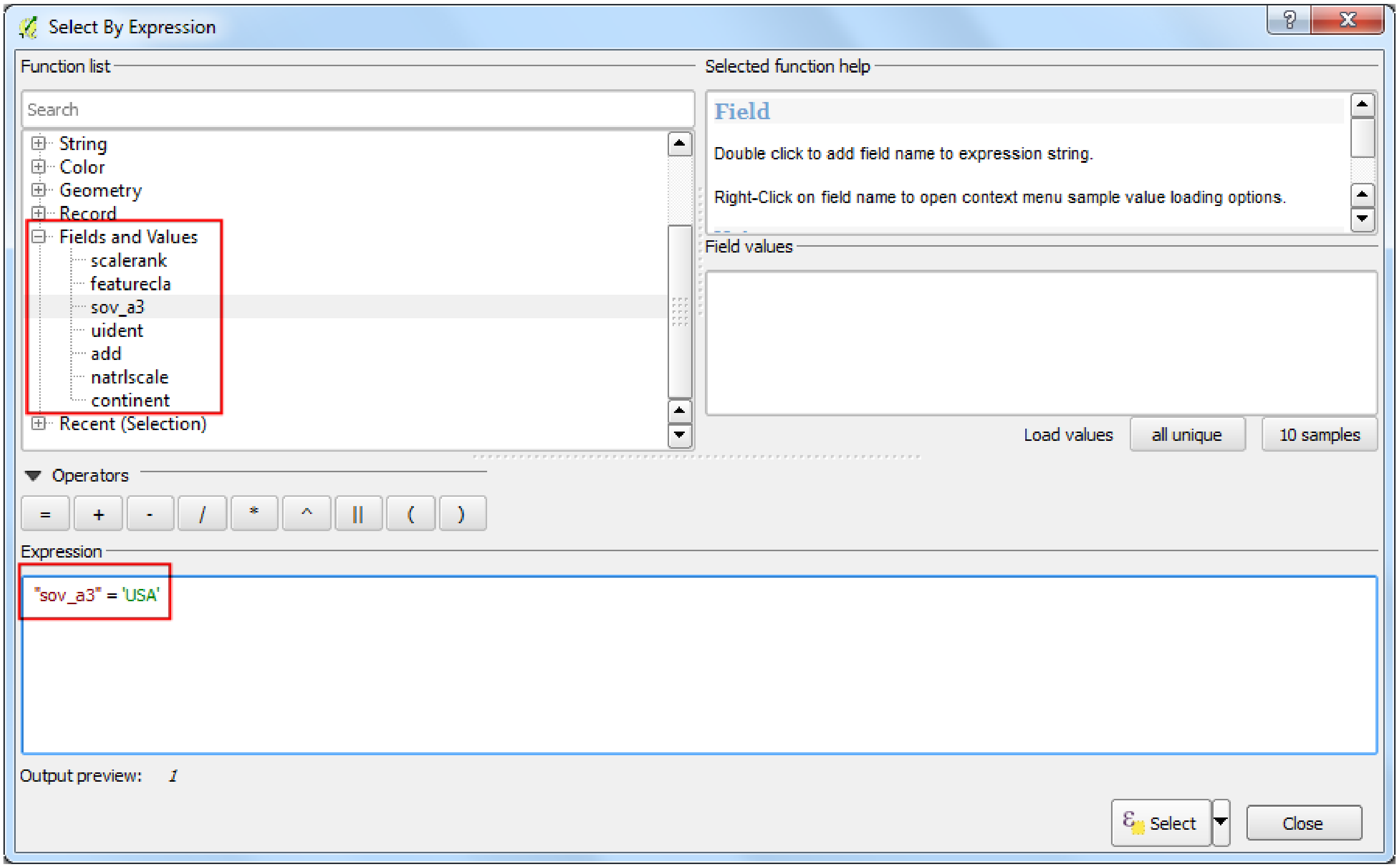
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Right-Click on field name to open context menu sample value loading options.

Expression

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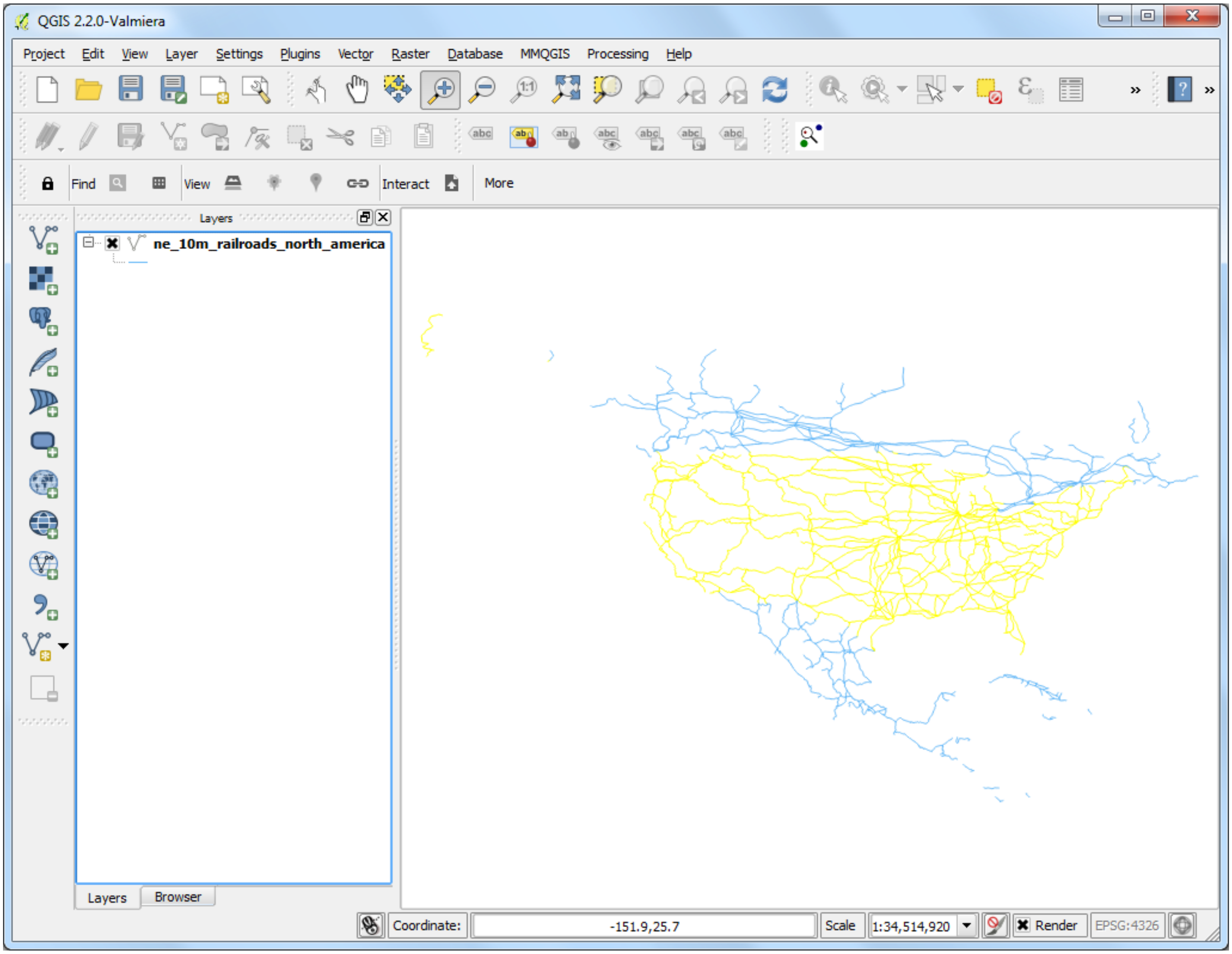
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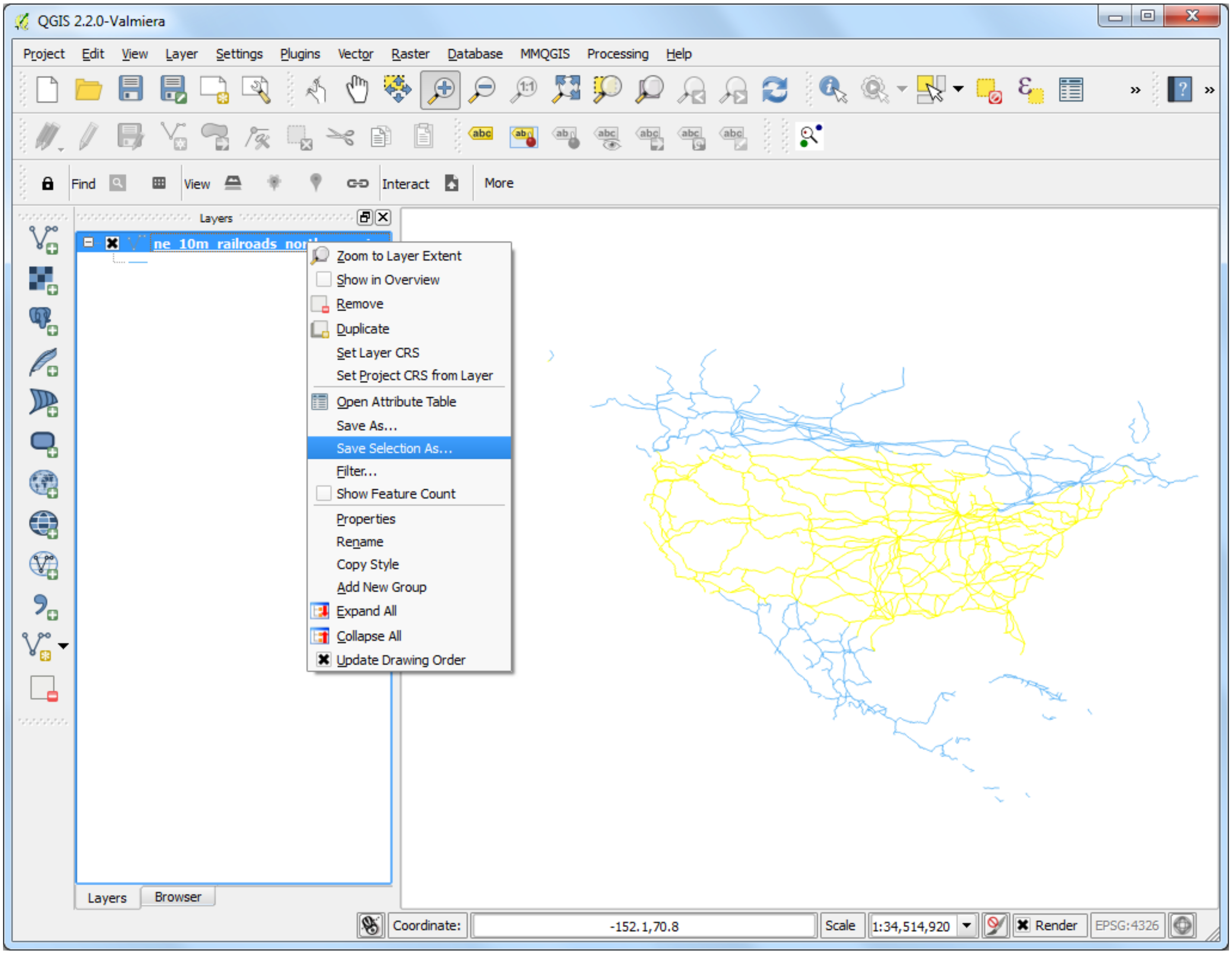
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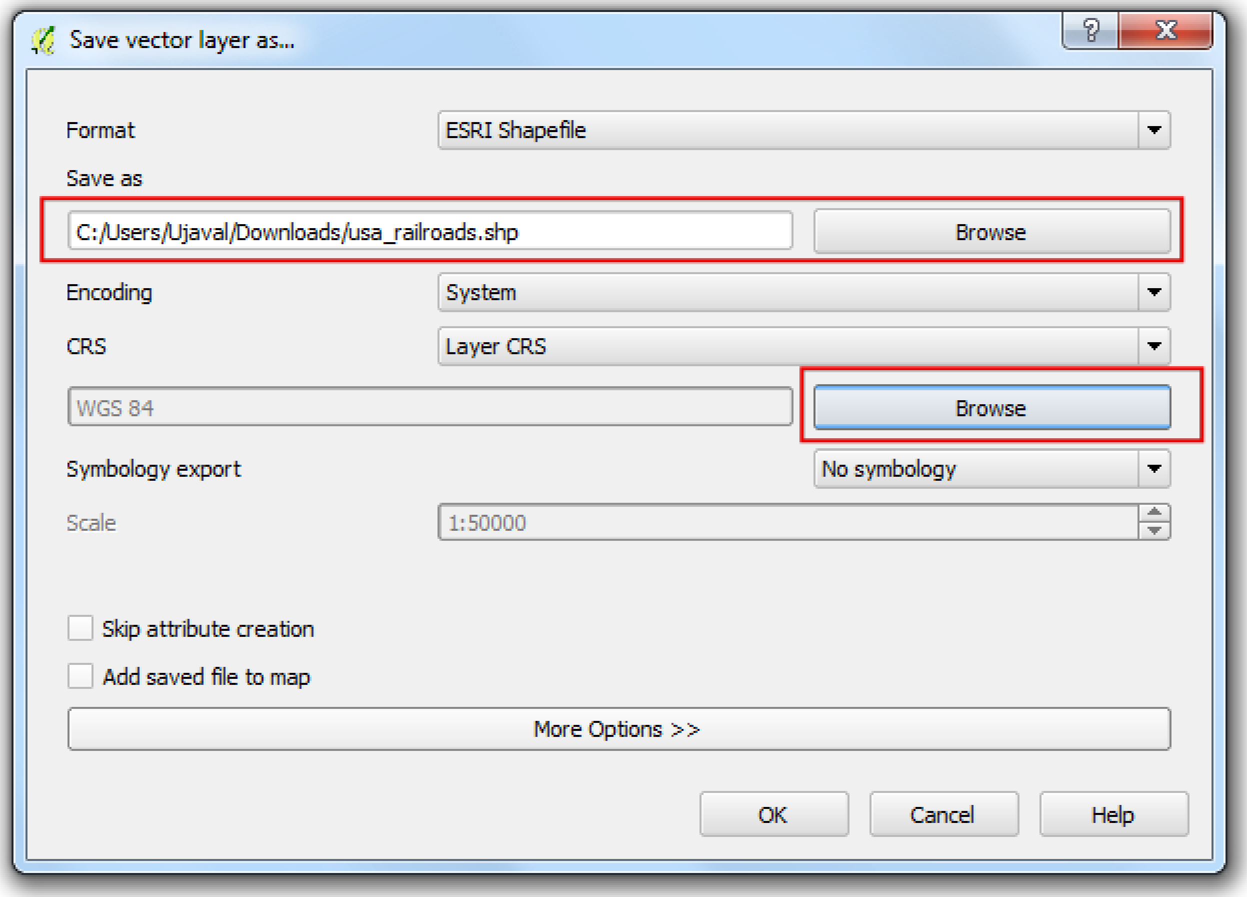
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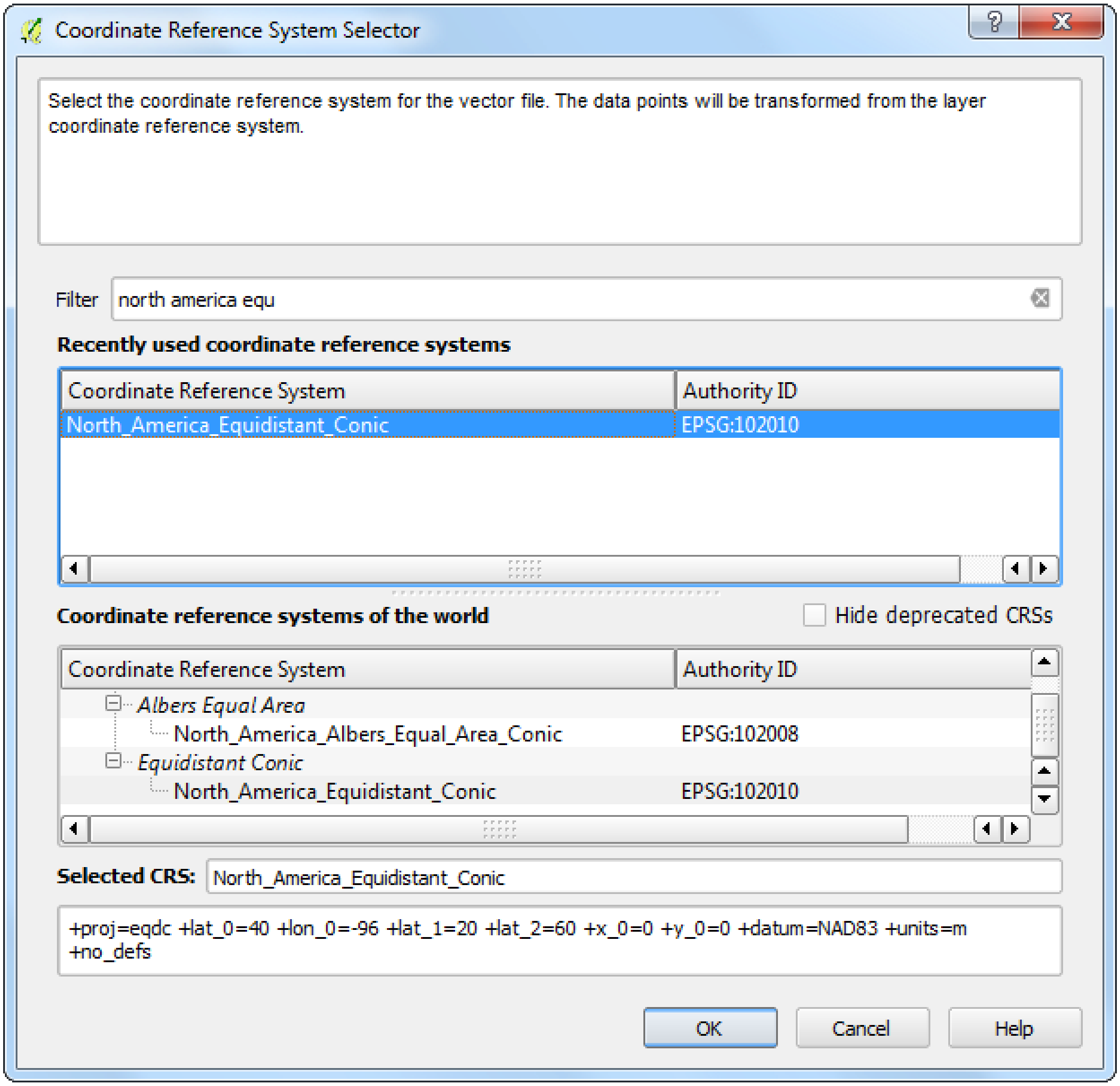

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Coordinate reference systems of the world

☐ Hide deprecated CRSs

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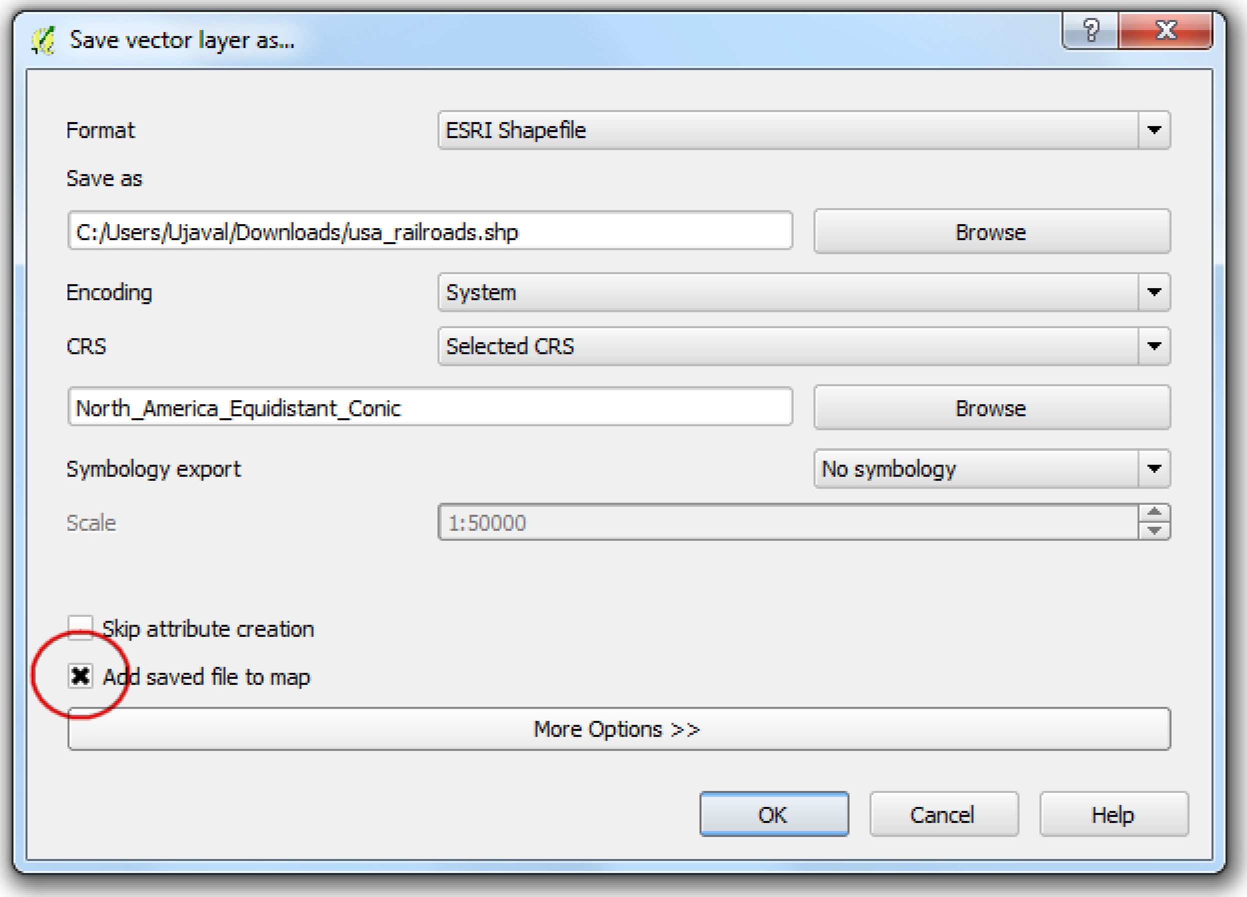
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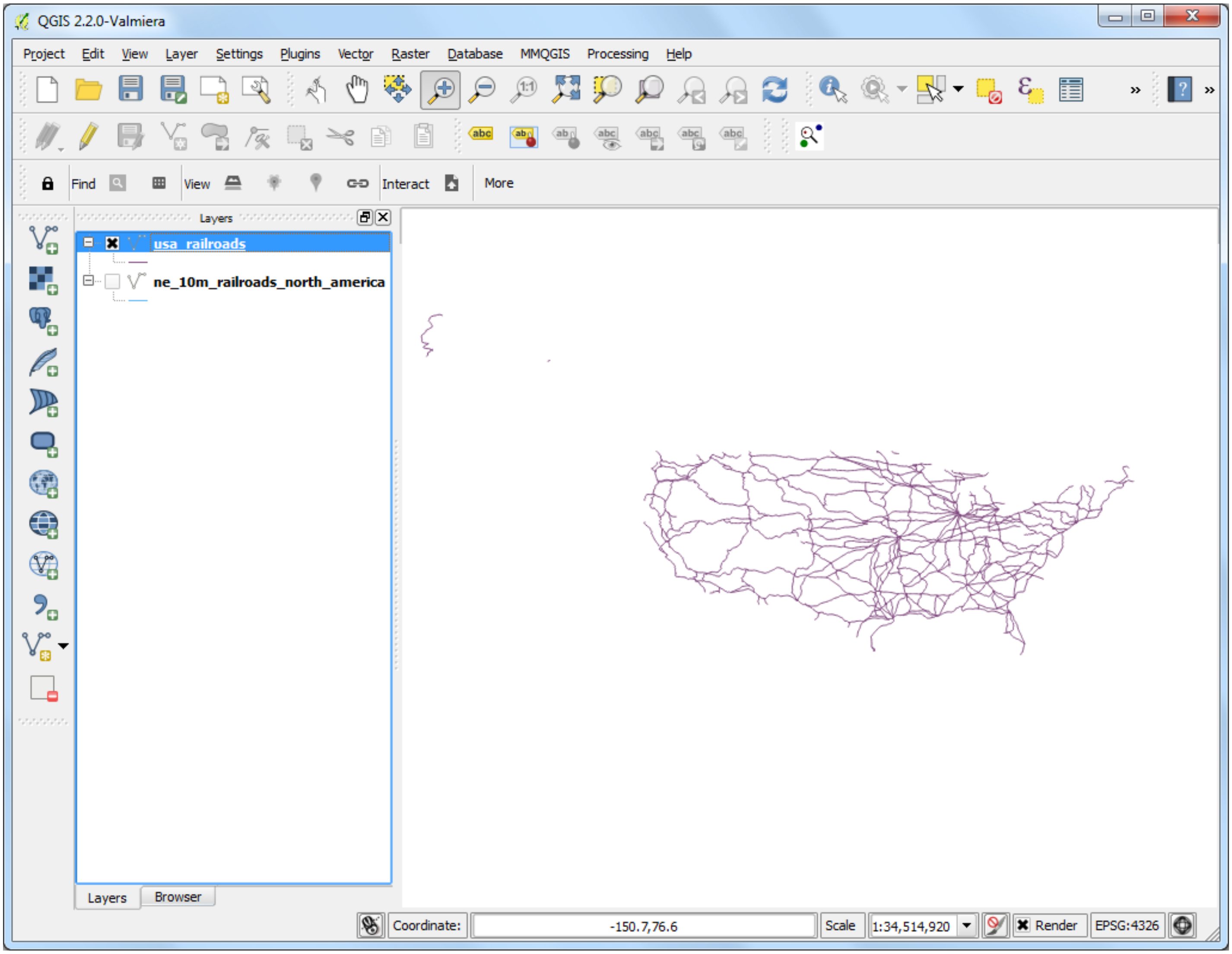
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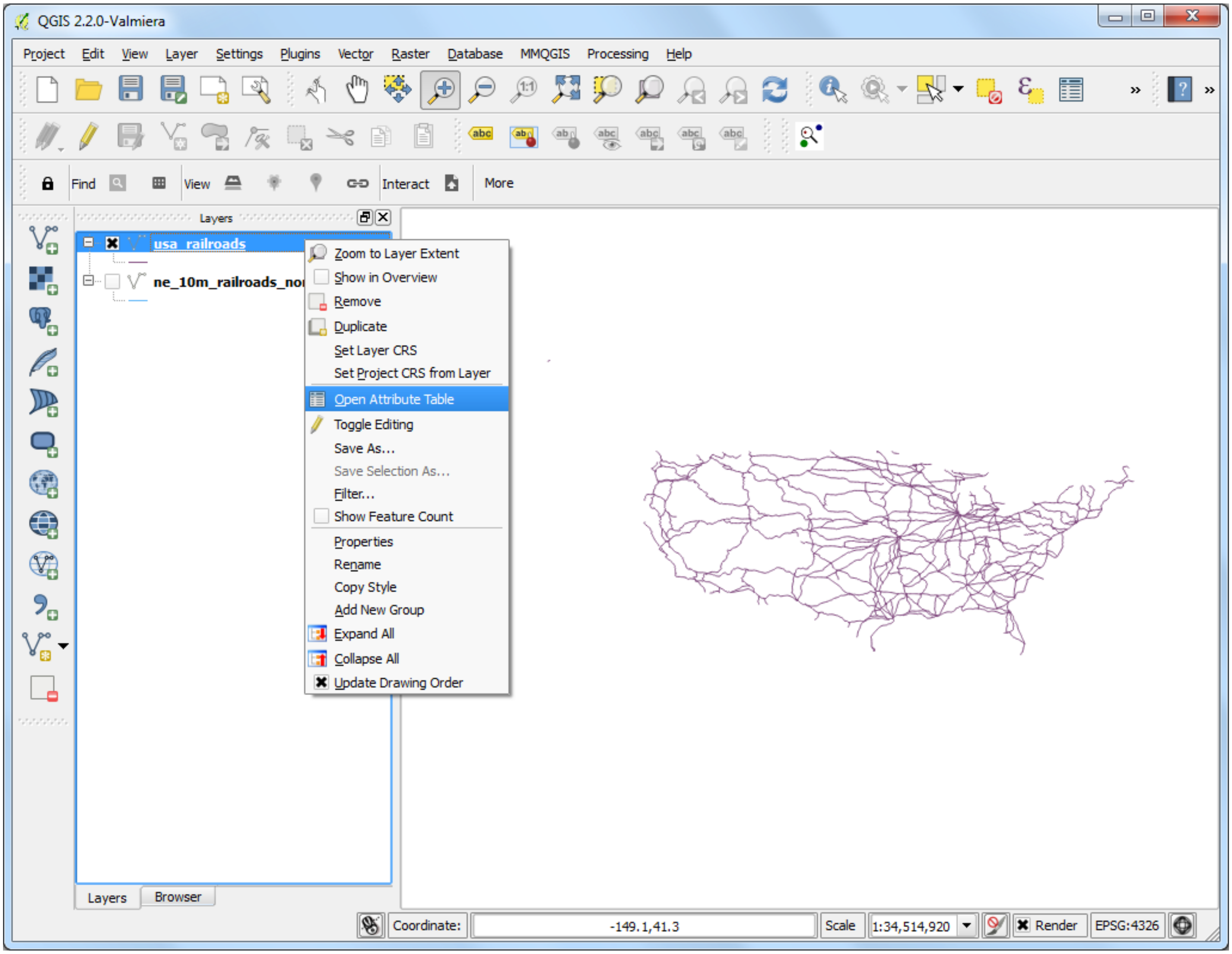
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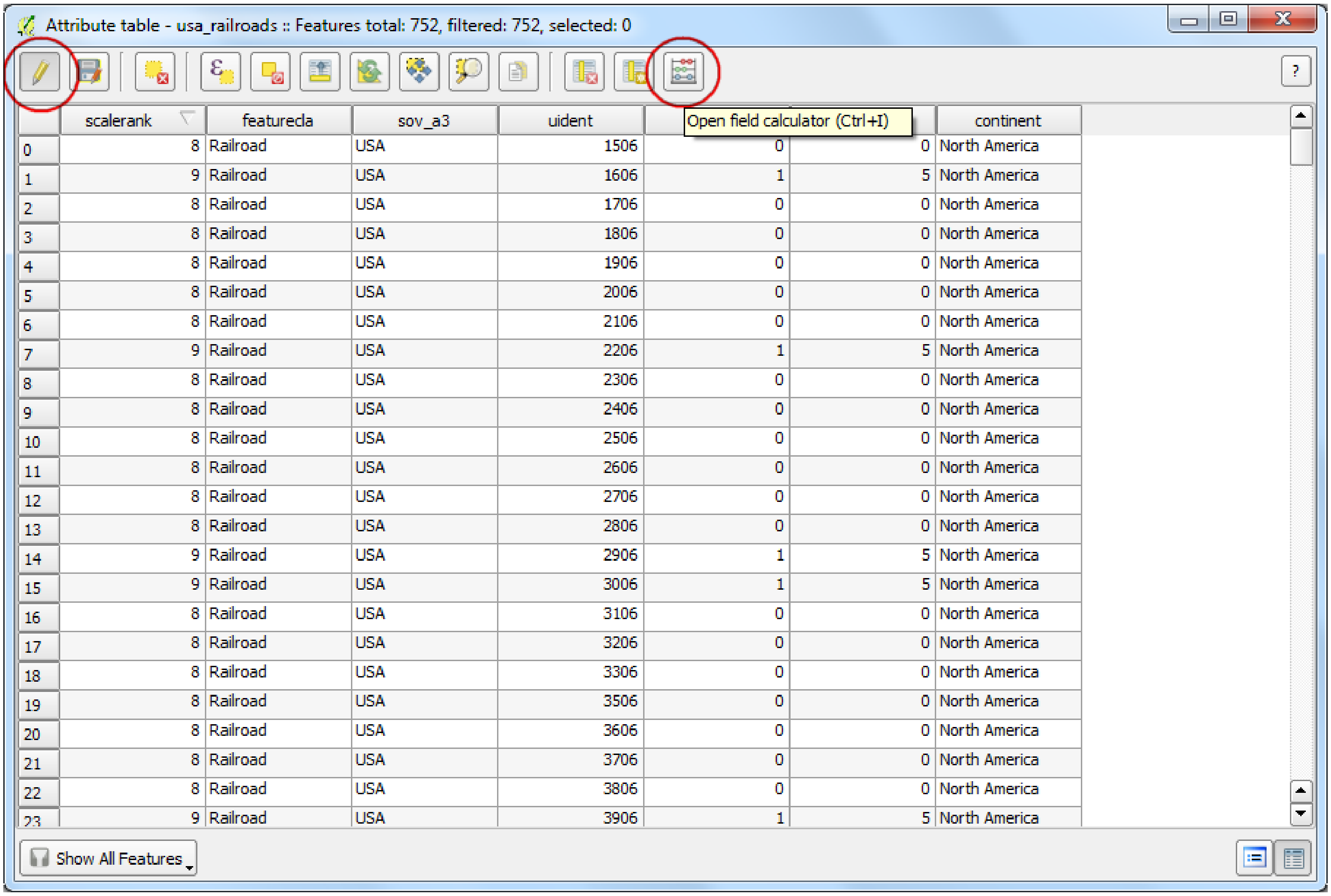

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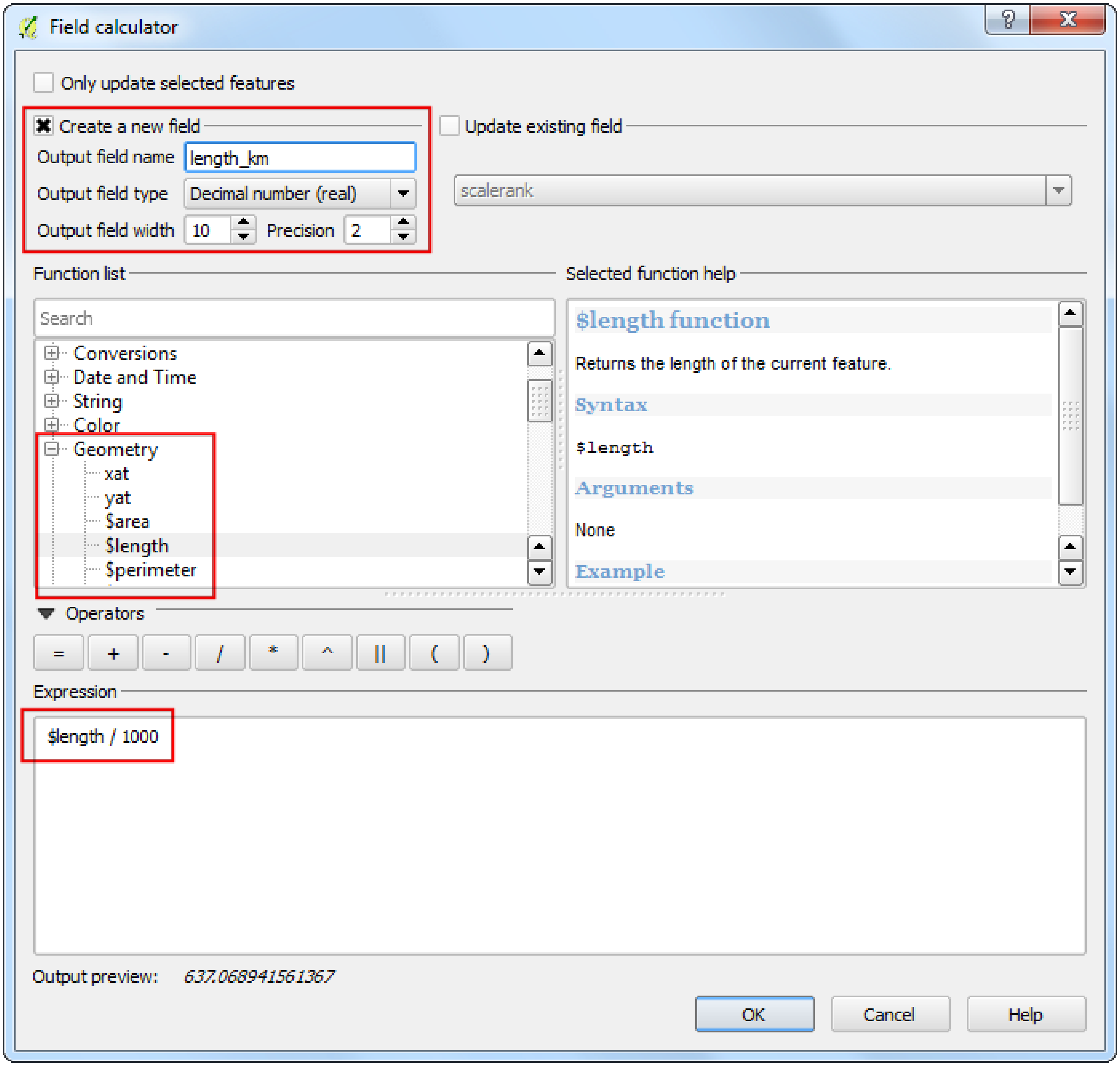

Field calculator

☐ Only update selected features

☒ Create a new field

Output field name: length_km

Output field type: Decimal number (real)

Output field width: 10 Precision: 2

☐ Update existing field

scalerank

Function list

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$length function

Returns the length of the current feature.

Syntax

`$length`

Arguments

None

Example

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Expression

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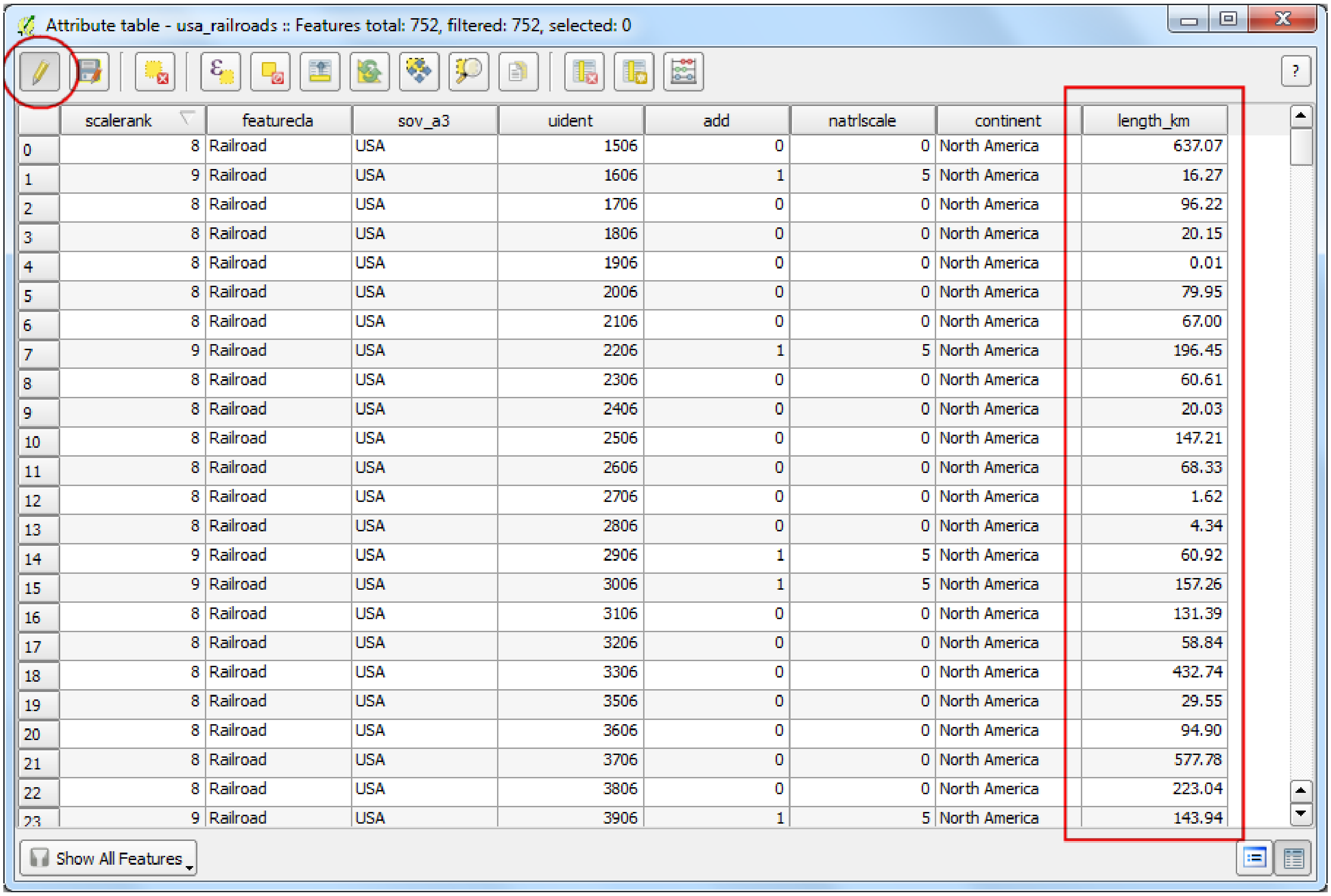

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6	8	Railroad	USA	2106	0	0	North America	67.00
7	9	Railroad	USA	2206	1	5	North America	196.45
8	8	Railroad	USA	2306	0	0	North America	60.61
9	8	Railroad	USA	2406	0	0	North America	20.03
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12	8	Railroad	USA	2706	0	0	North America	1.62
13	8	Railroad	USA	2806	0	0	North America	4.34
14	9	Railroad	USA	2906	1	5	North America	60.92
15	9	Railroad	USA	3006	1	5	North America	157.26
16	8	Railroad	USA	3106	0	0	North America	131.39
17	8	Railroad	USA	3206	0	0	North America	58.84
18	8	Railroad	USA	3306	0	0	North America	432.74
19	8	Railroad	USA	3506	0	0	North America	29.55
20	8	Railroad	USA	3606	0	0	North America	94.90
21	8	Railroad	USA	3706	0	0	North America	577.78
22	8	Railroad	USA	3806	0	0	North America	223.04
23	9	Railroad	USA	3906	1	5	North America	143.94

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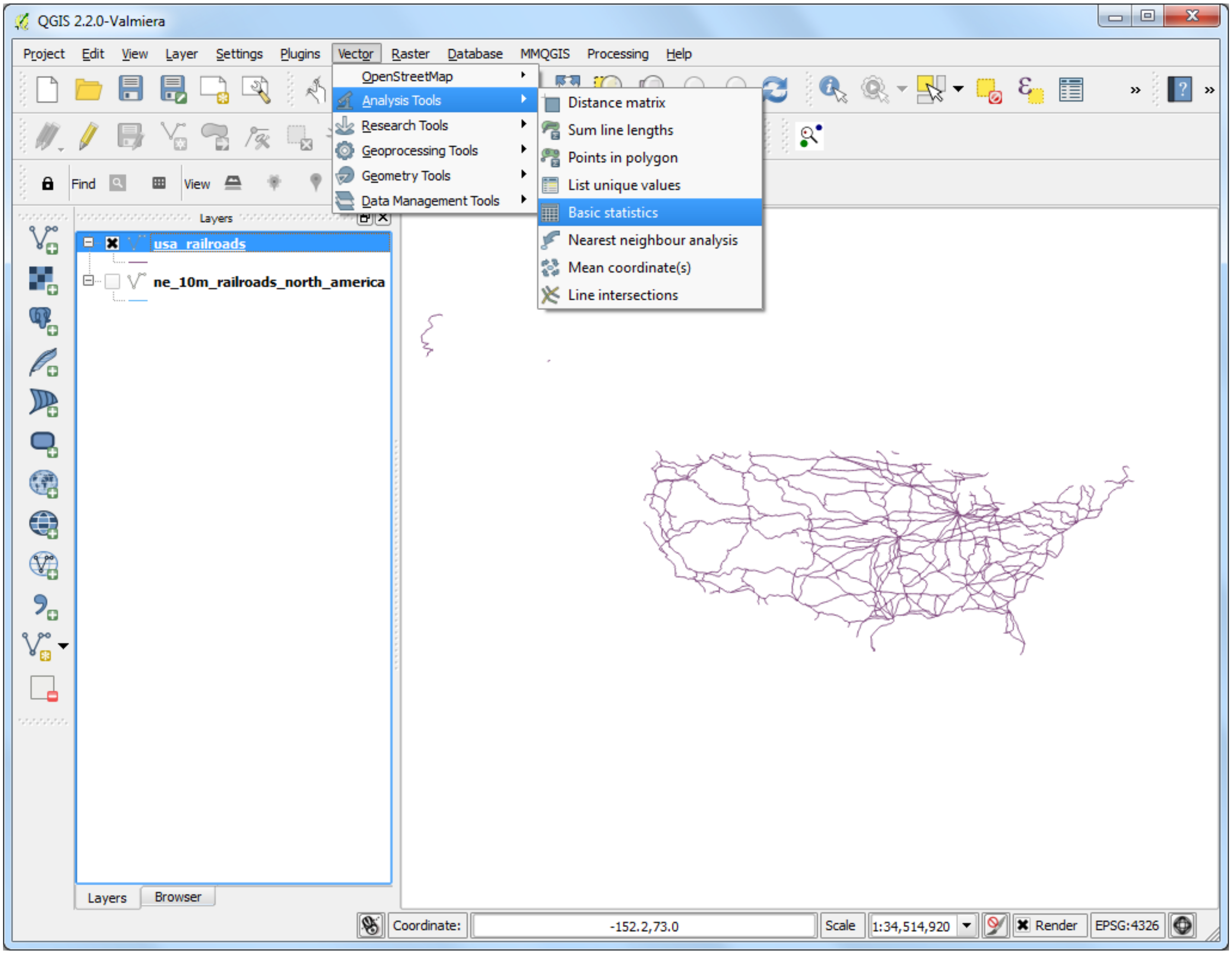
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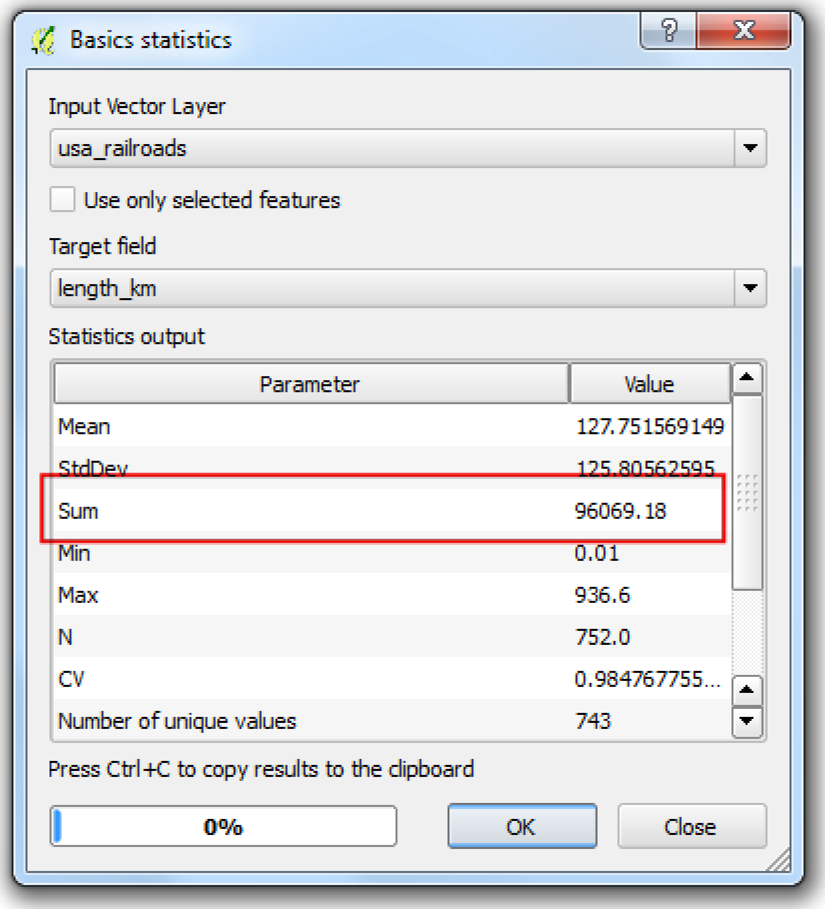

Input Vector Layer

usa_railroads

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Target field

length_km

Statistics output

Parameter	Value
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StdDev	125.80562595
Sum	96069.18
Min	0.01
Max	936.6
N	752.0
CV	0.984767755...
Number of unique values	743

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