Calculating Line Lengths and Statistics

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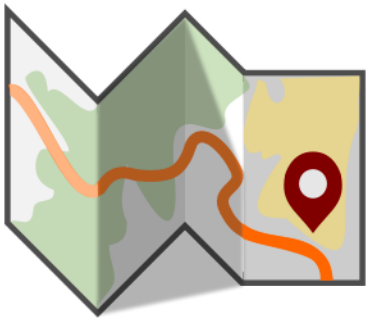

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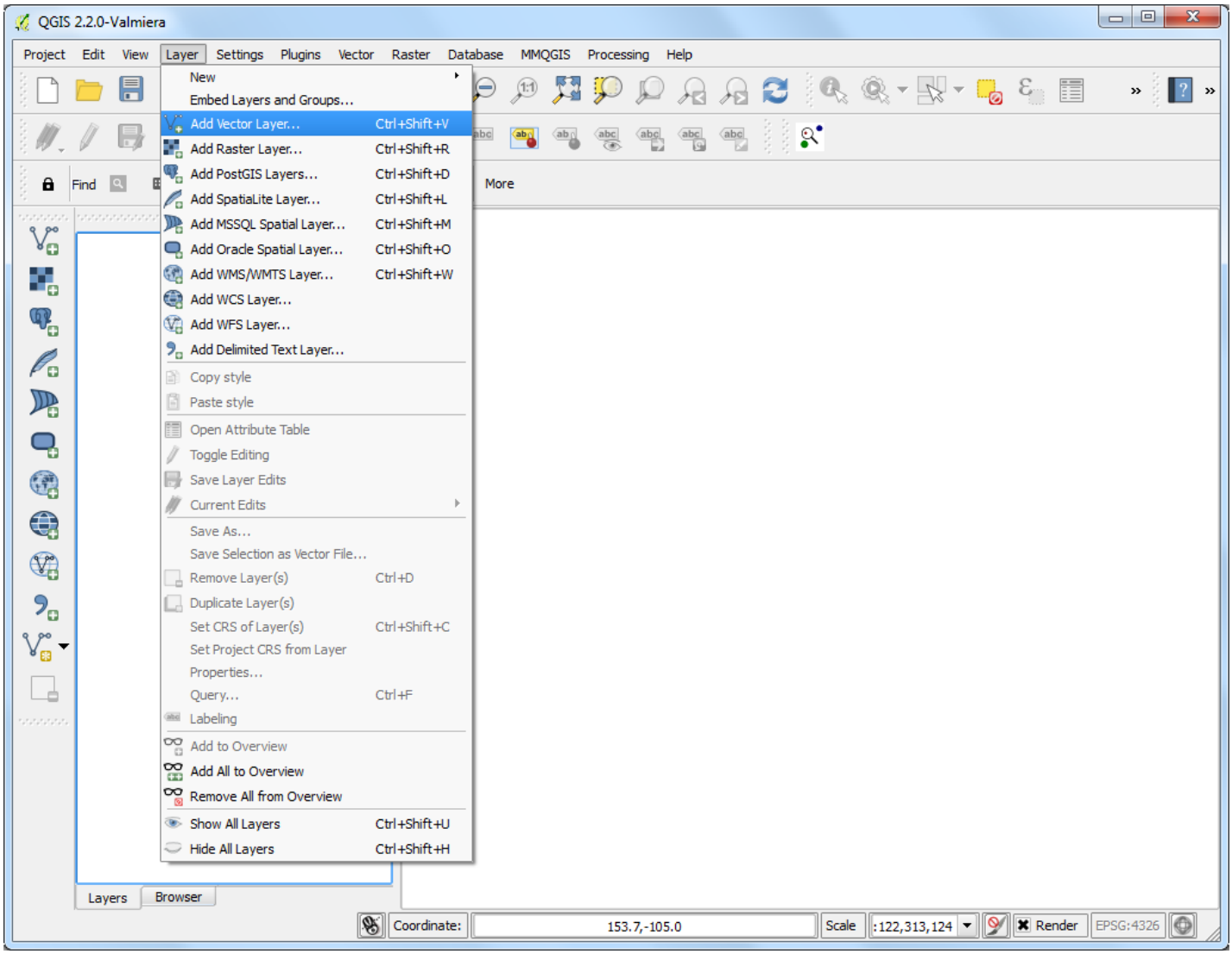

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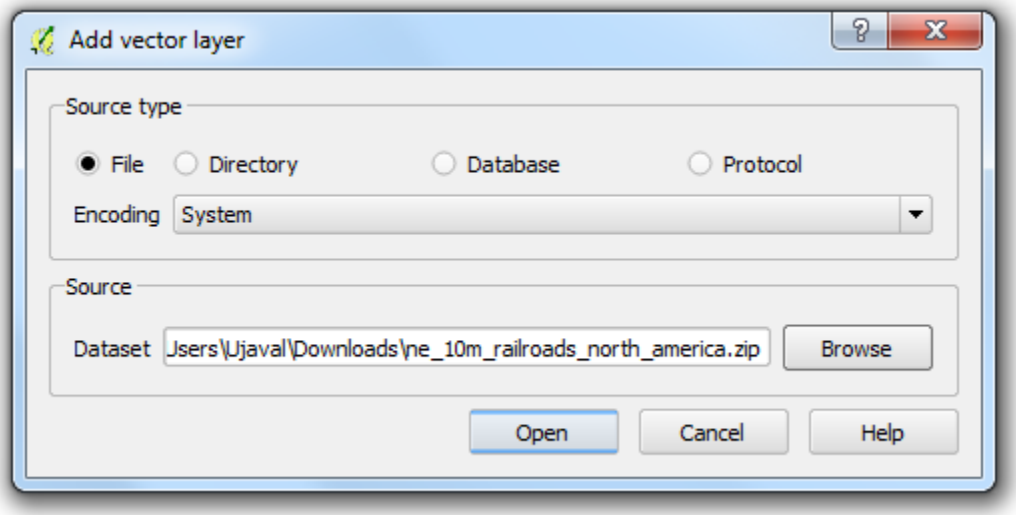

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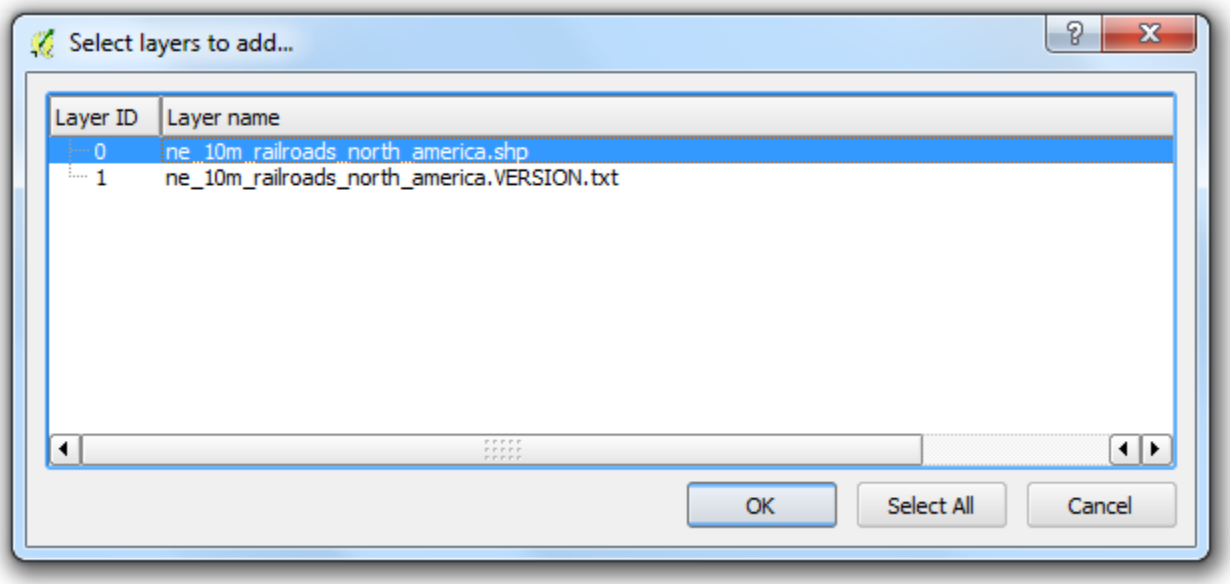

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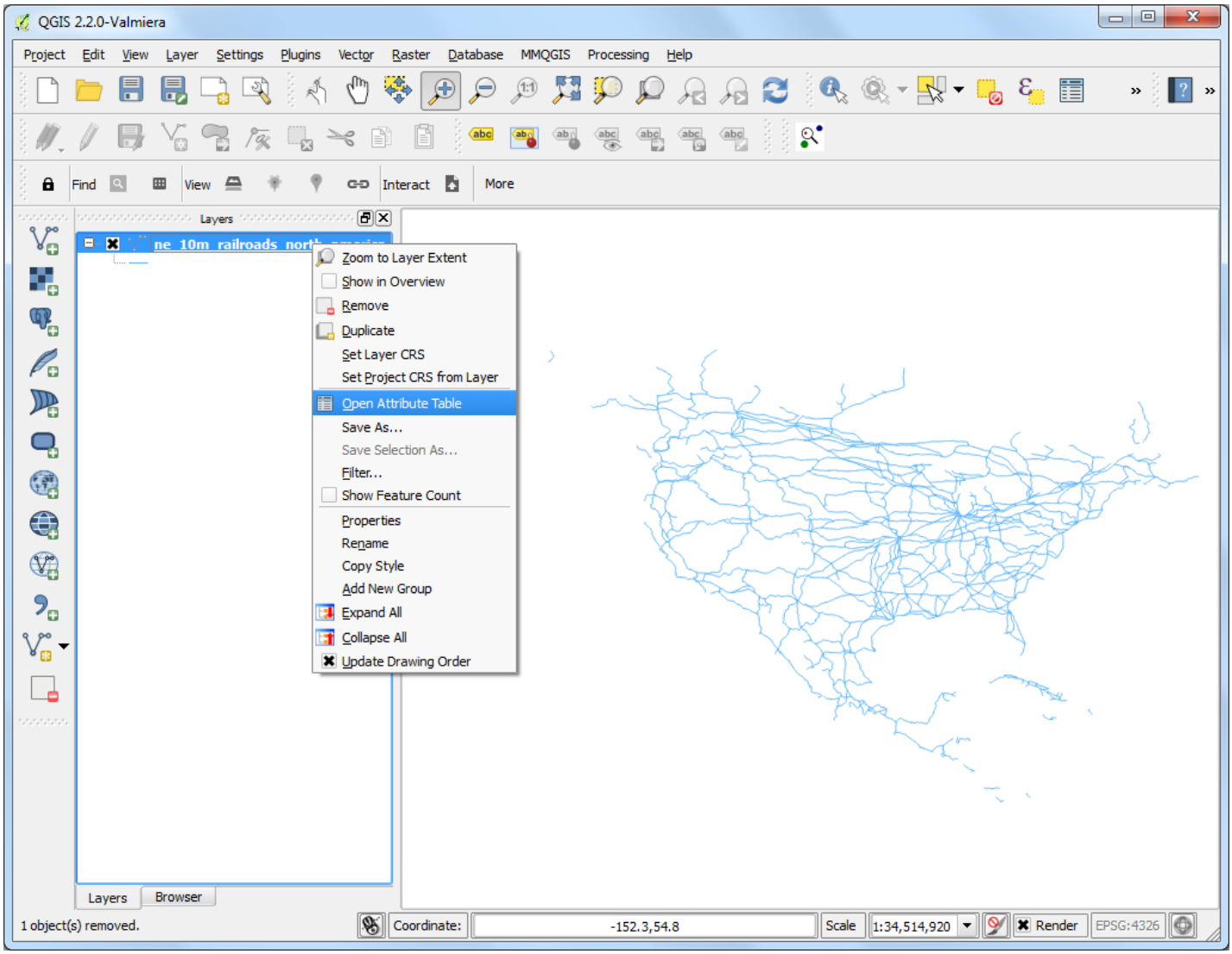

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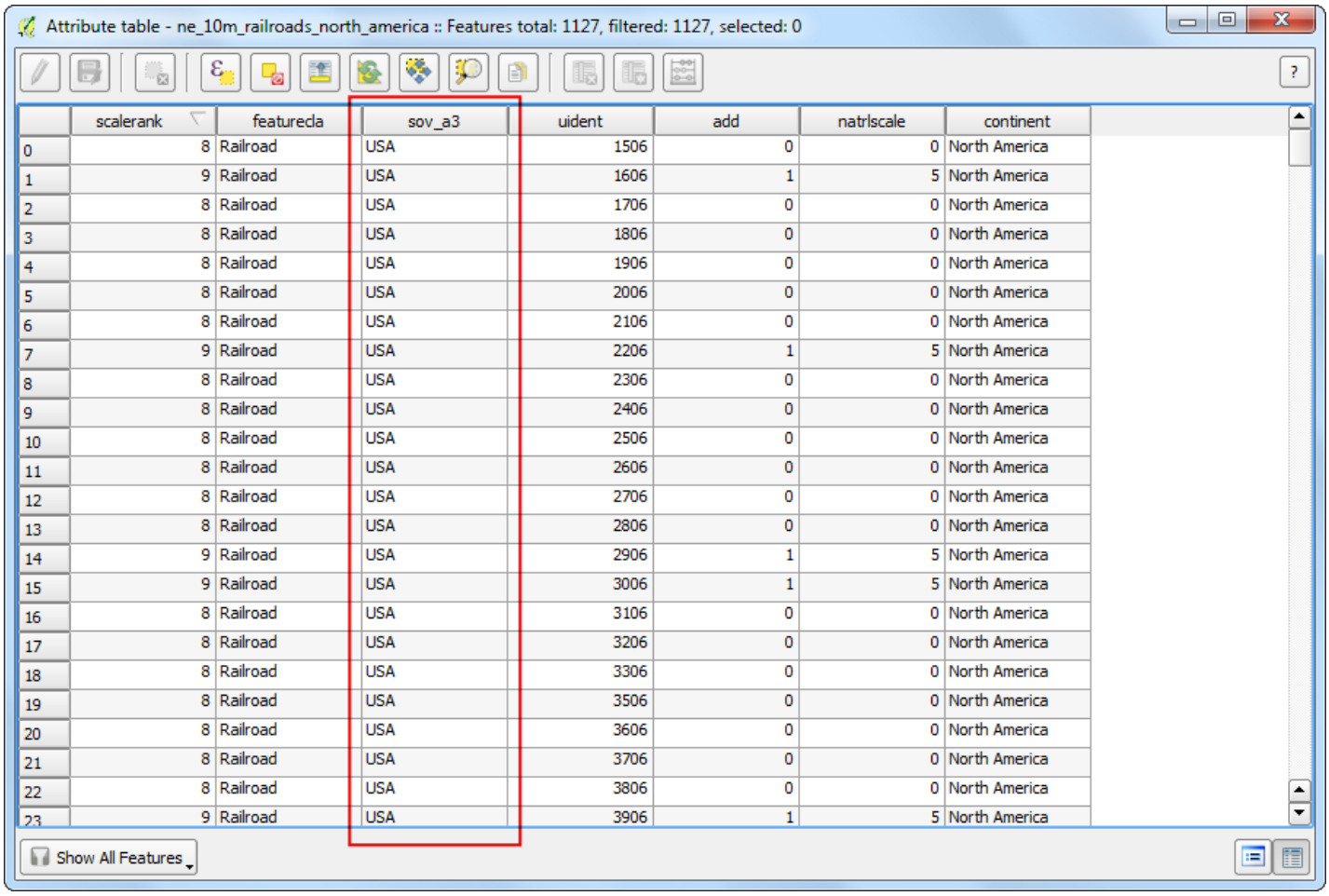

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5	8	Railroad	USA	2006	0	0	North America
6	8	Railroad	USA	2106	0	0	North America
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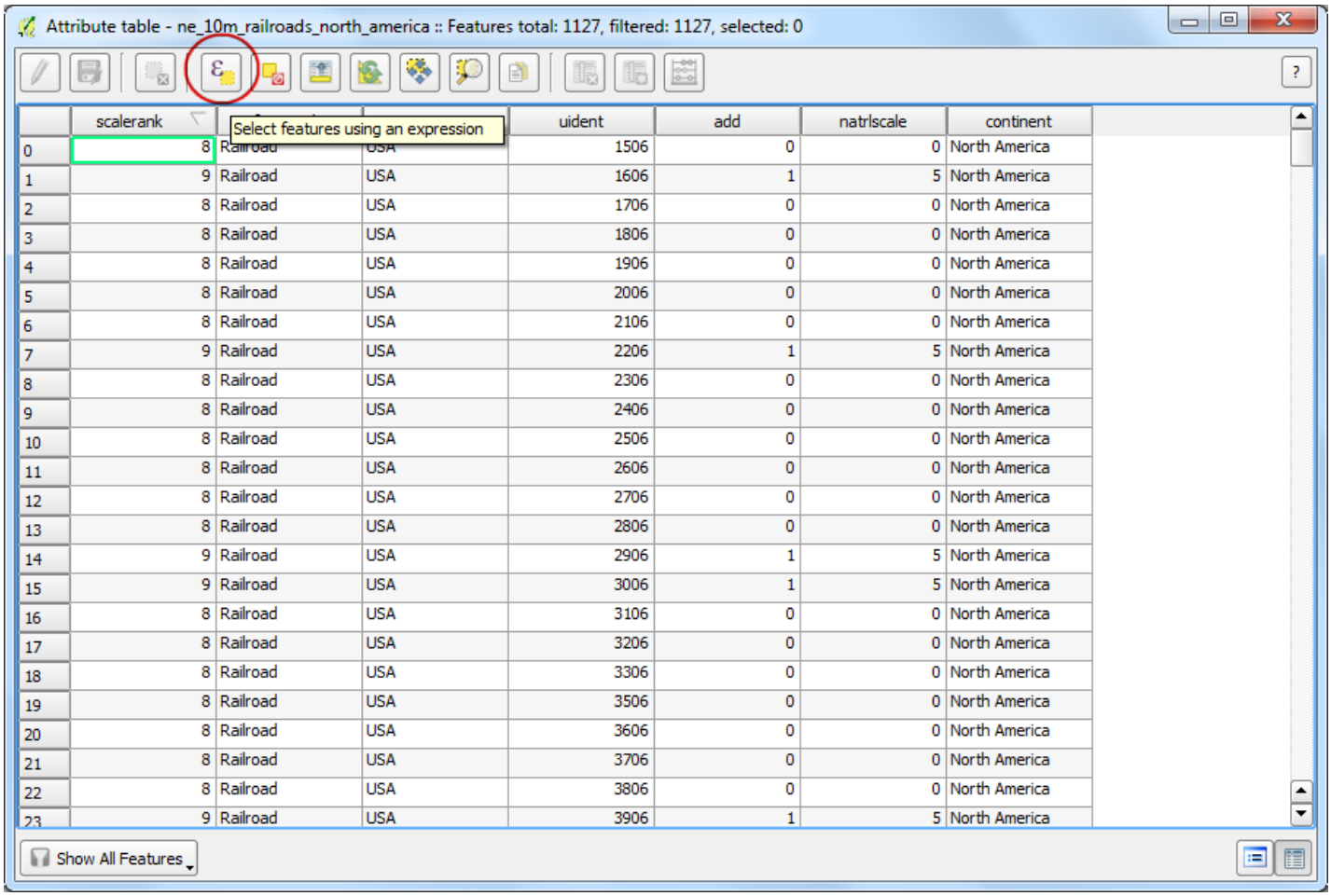
18	8	Railroad	USA	3306	0	0	North America
19	8	Railroad	USA	3506	0	0	North America
20	8	Railroad	USA	3606	0	0	North America
21	8	Railroad	USA	3706	0	0	North America
22	8	Railroad	USA	3806	0	0	North America
23	9	Railroad	USA	3906	1	5	North America

6. □□ □□□ Attribute Table`□□□ □□□□ □□□ □□□□ :guilabel:`Select features using an expression □□□ □□□□□.



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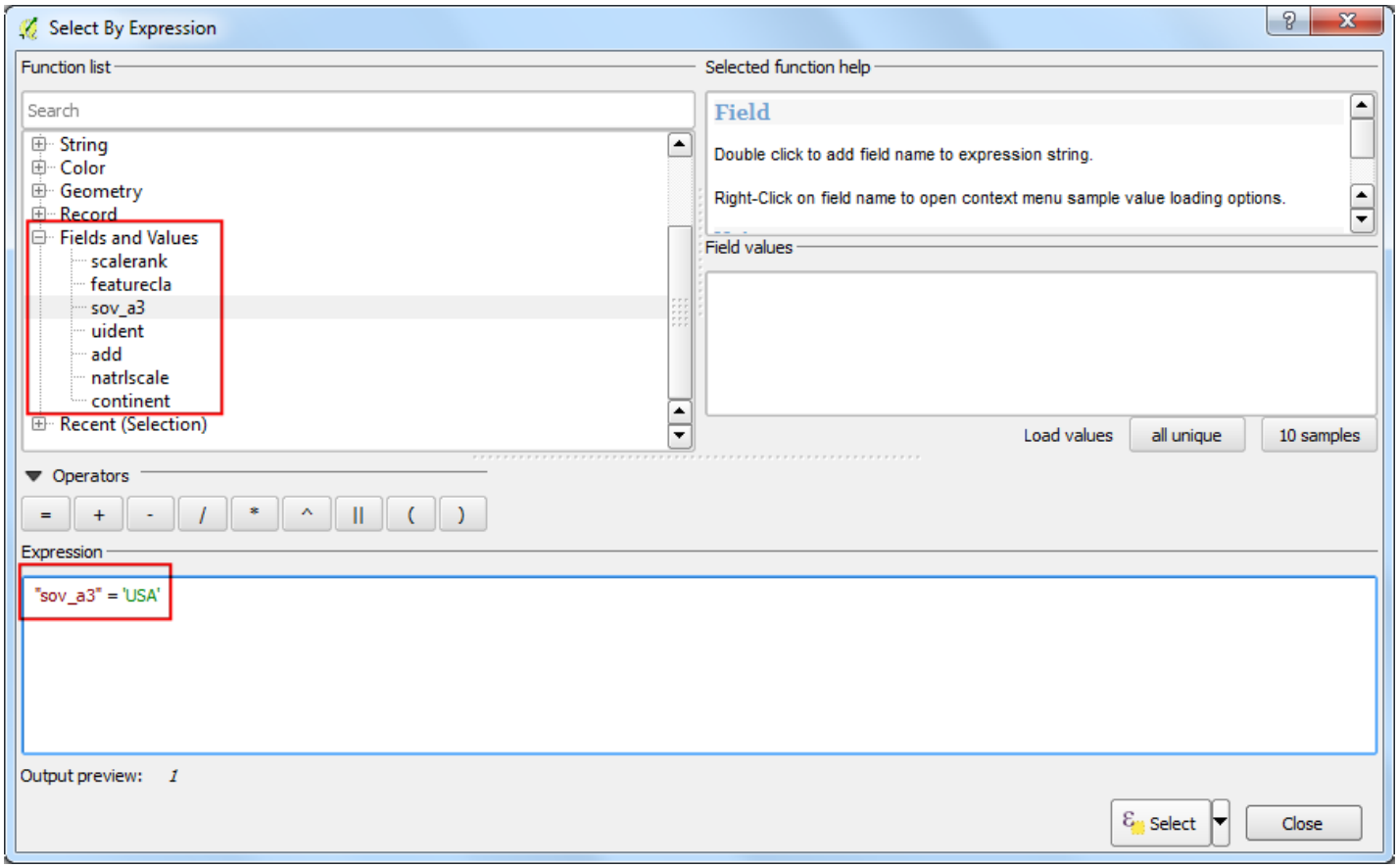
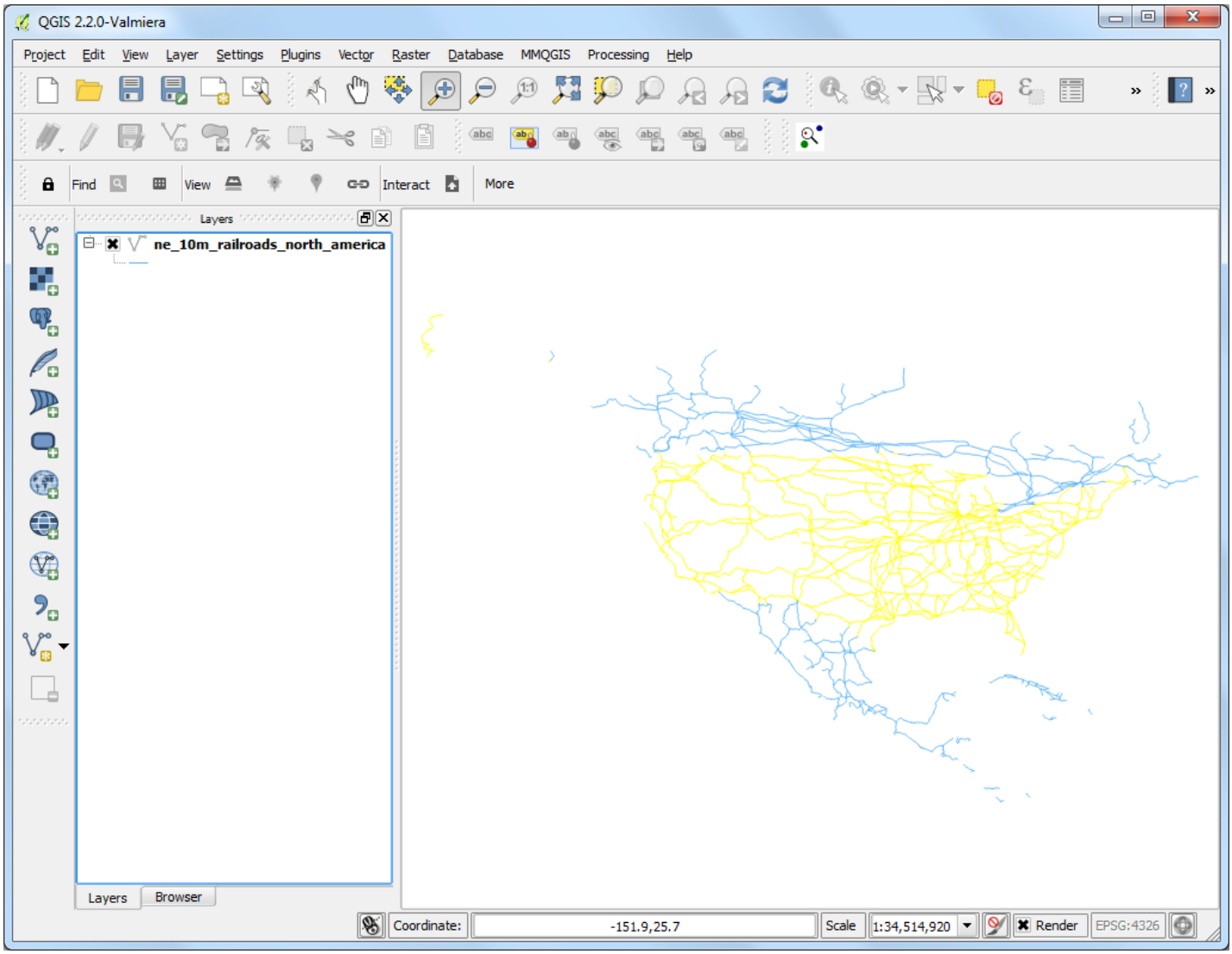
7. □□ Select By Expression □□□□□□□ □□ □□□□. □□□□ Functions list □□□□ □□□ □ Fields and Values □ □□□□ sov_a3`□□□ □□□□□. □□□ □□□ □□□□□□□ □□□ :guilabel:`Expression`□□□ □□ □□□ □□□□□. `"sov_a3" = 'USA'``□□ □□□□ □□□□□□□. □□ :guilabel:`Select`□ □□ □□ :guilabel:`Close`□ □□□□□.



8. Back in the main QGIS window, you will see that all lines that fall in USA are selected and appear in yellow.



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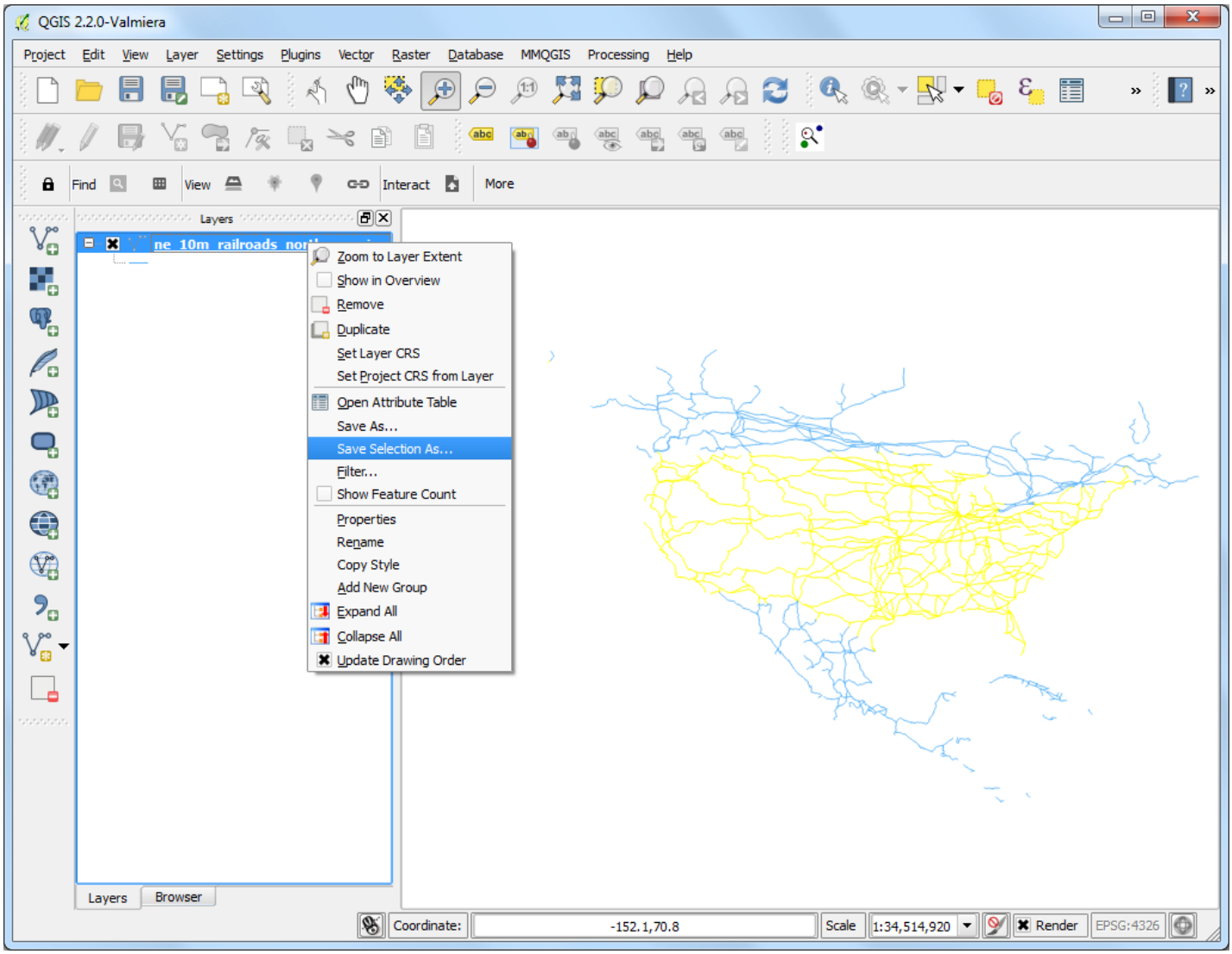

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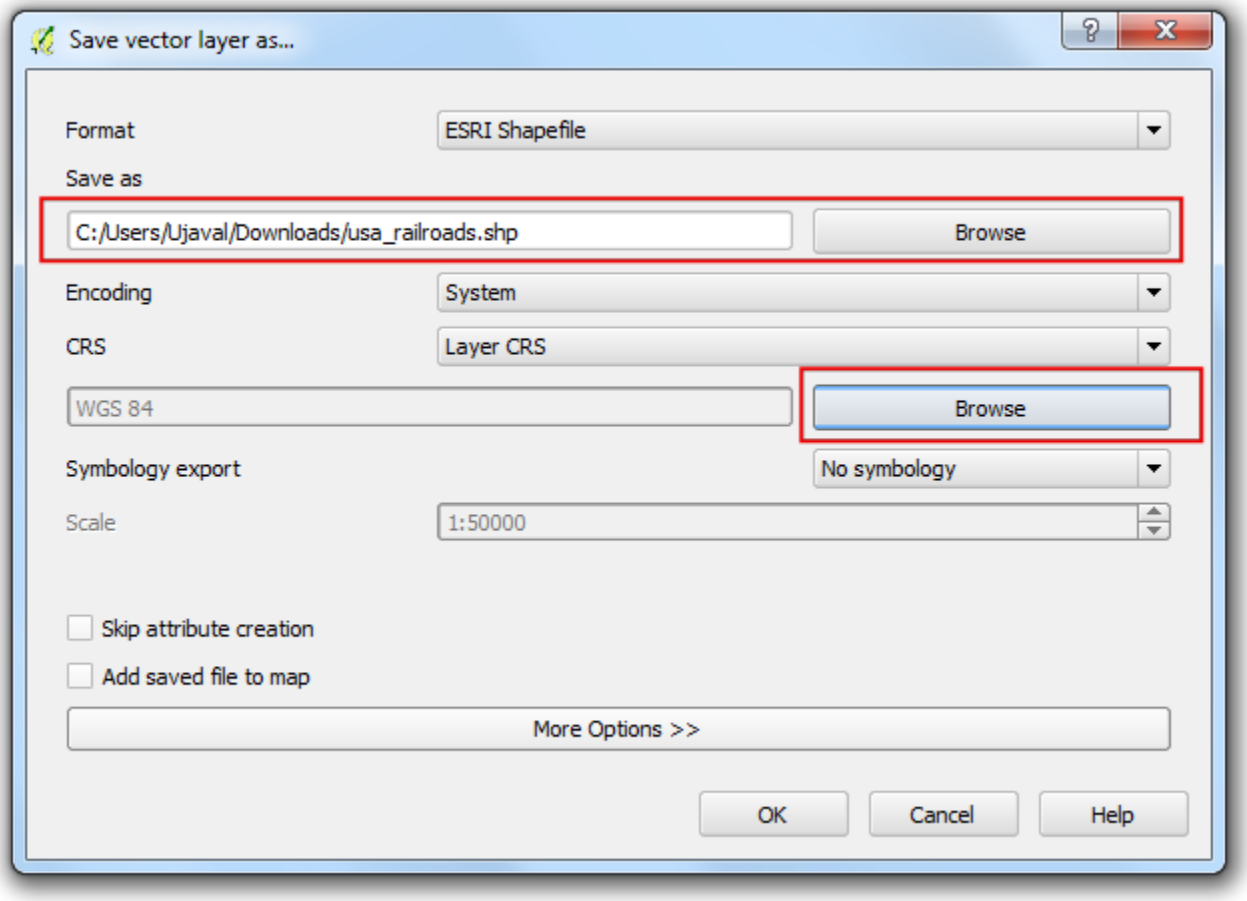

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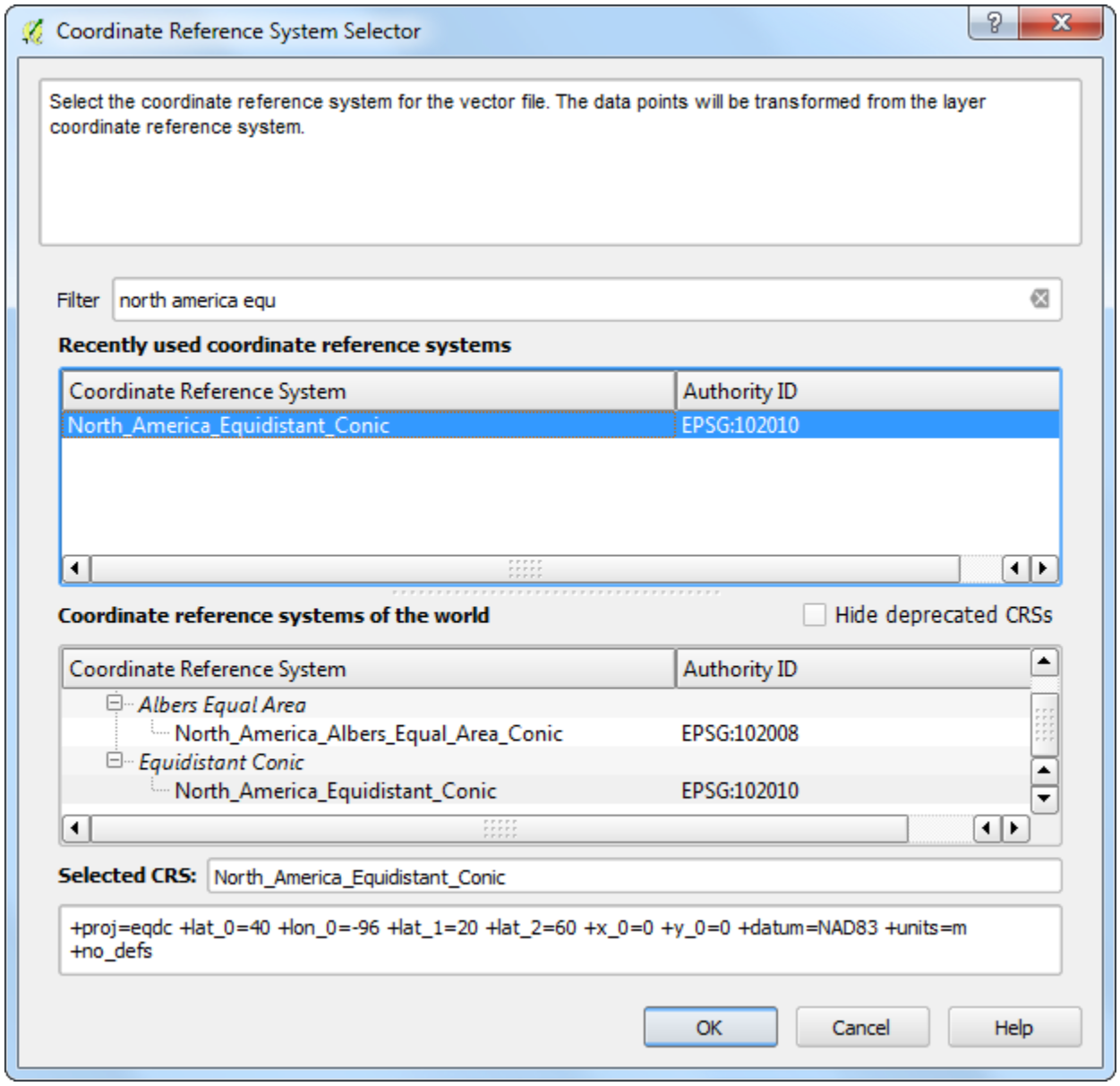

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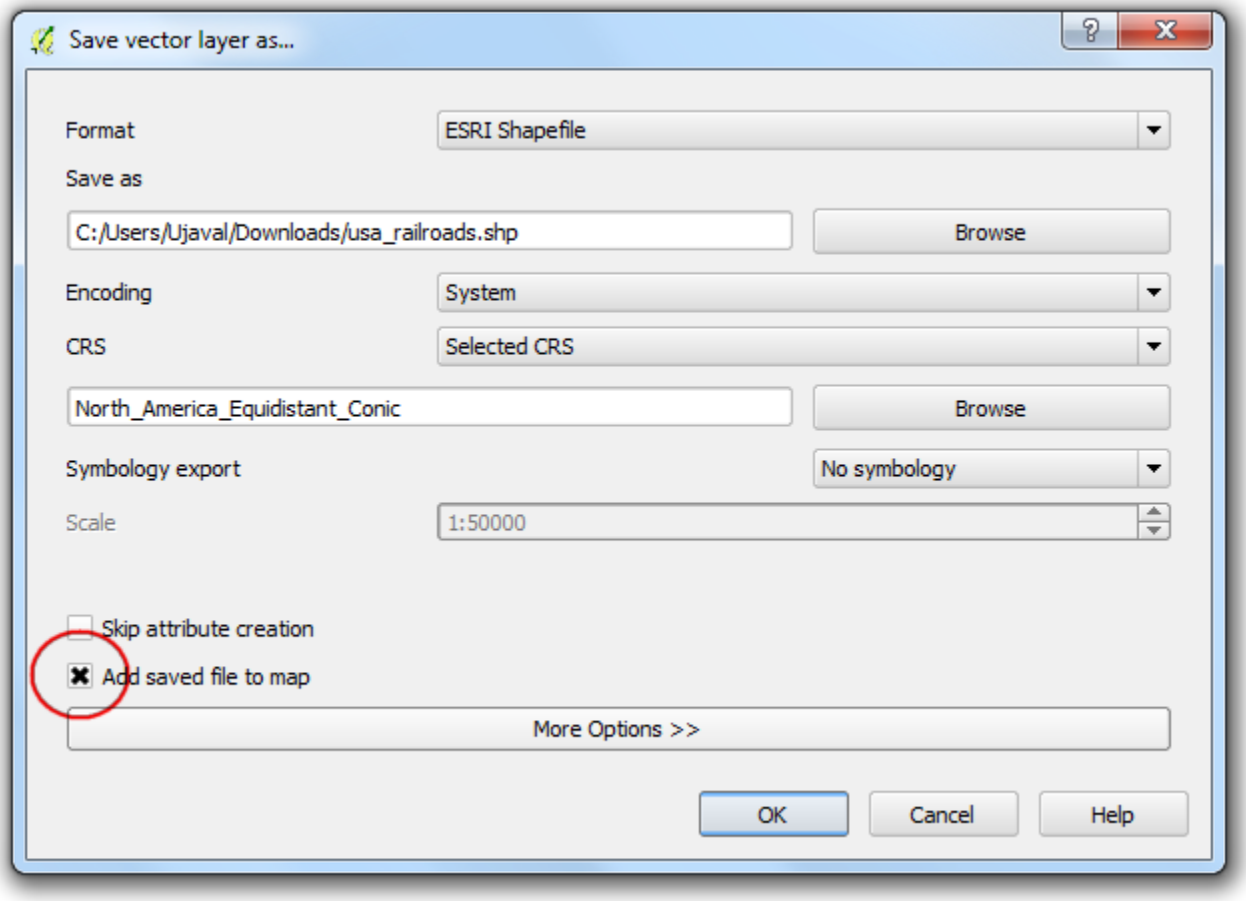

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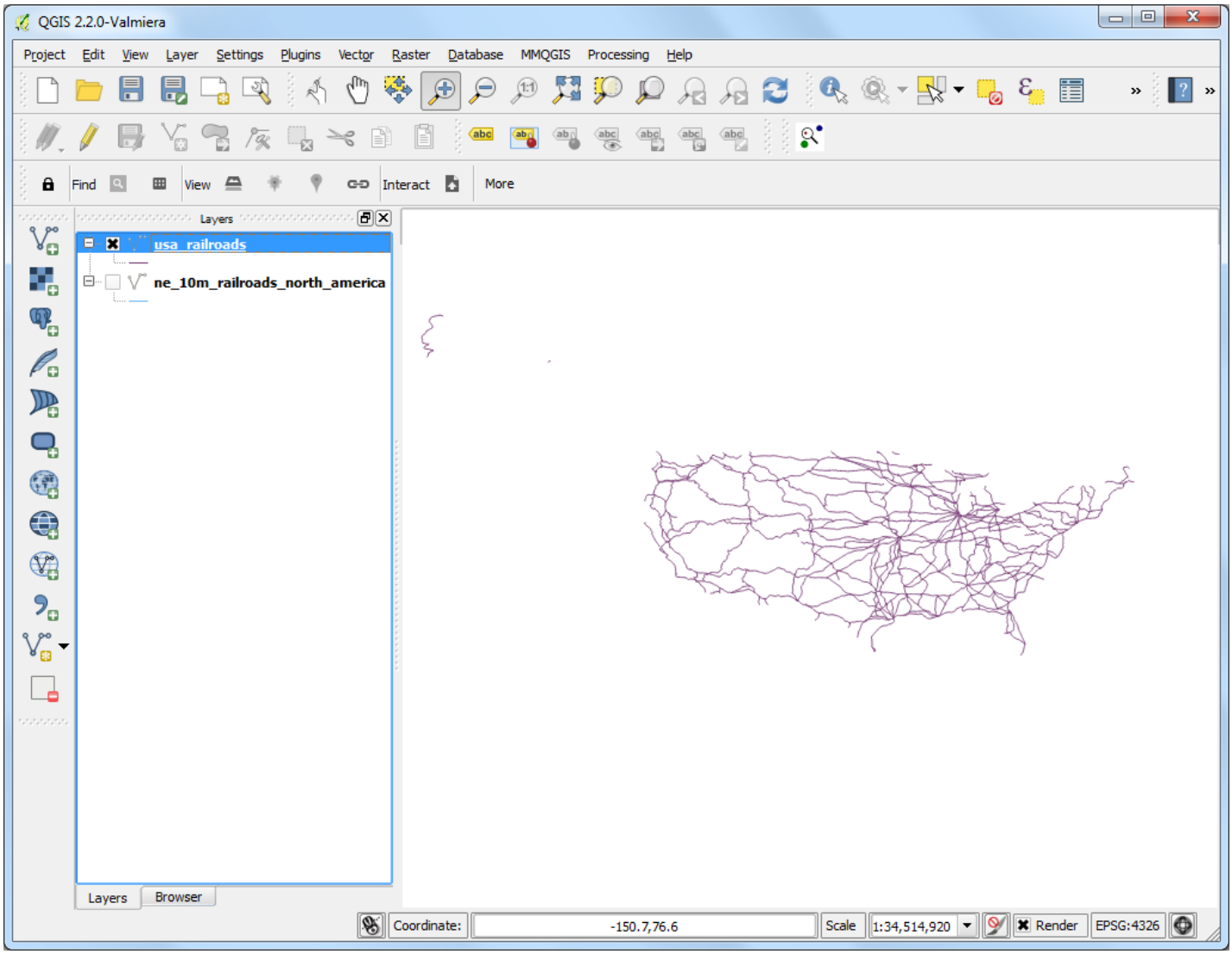

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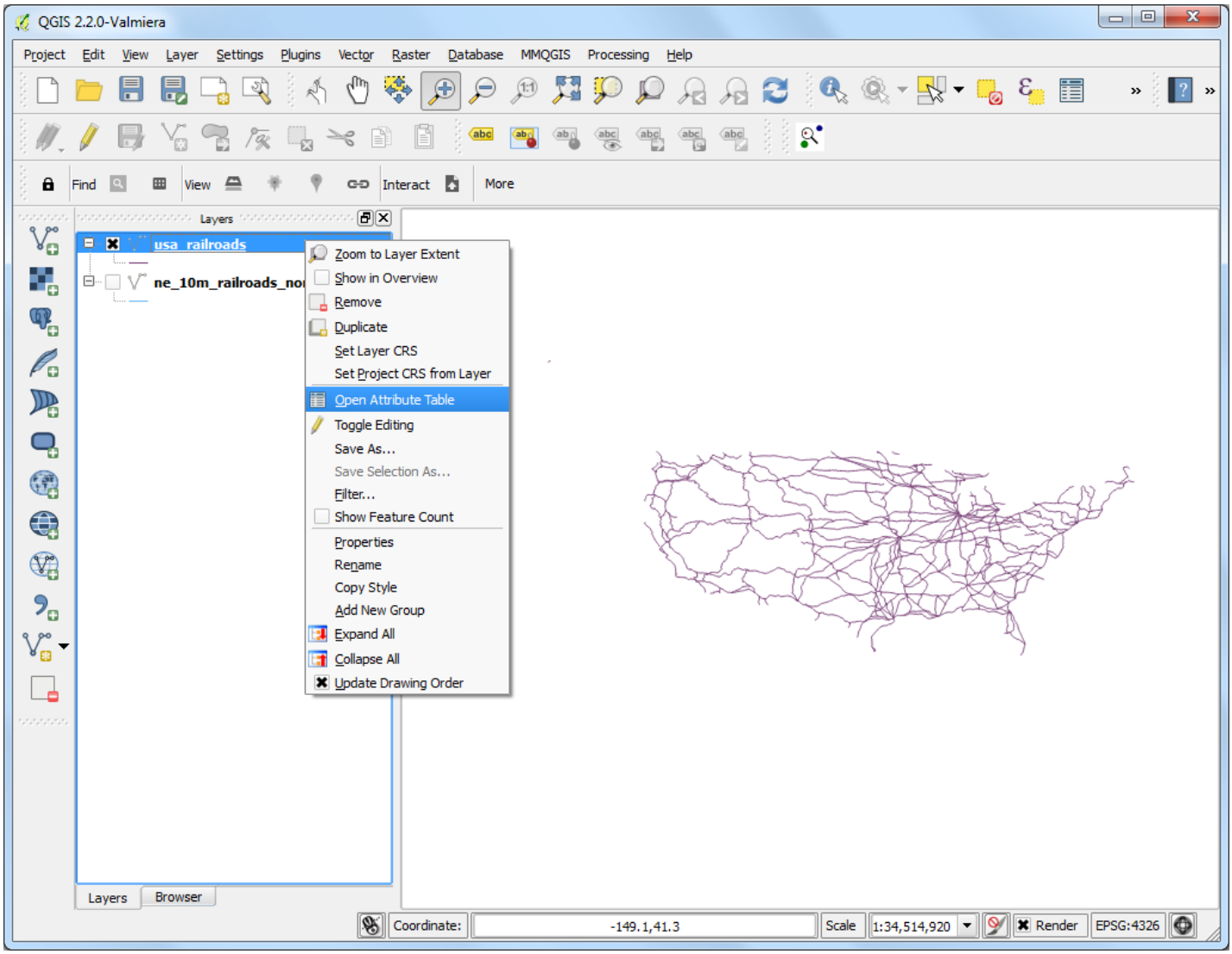

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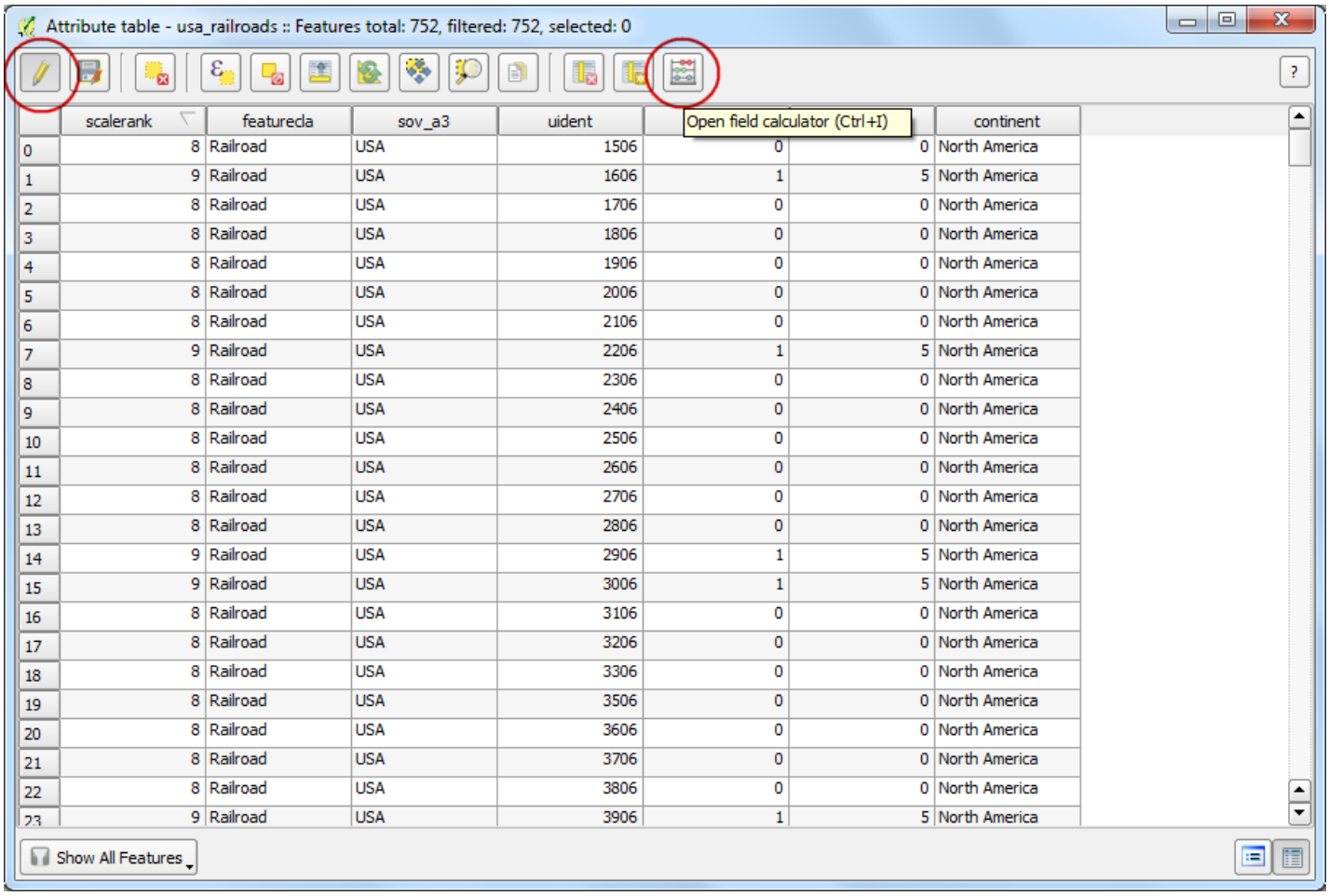

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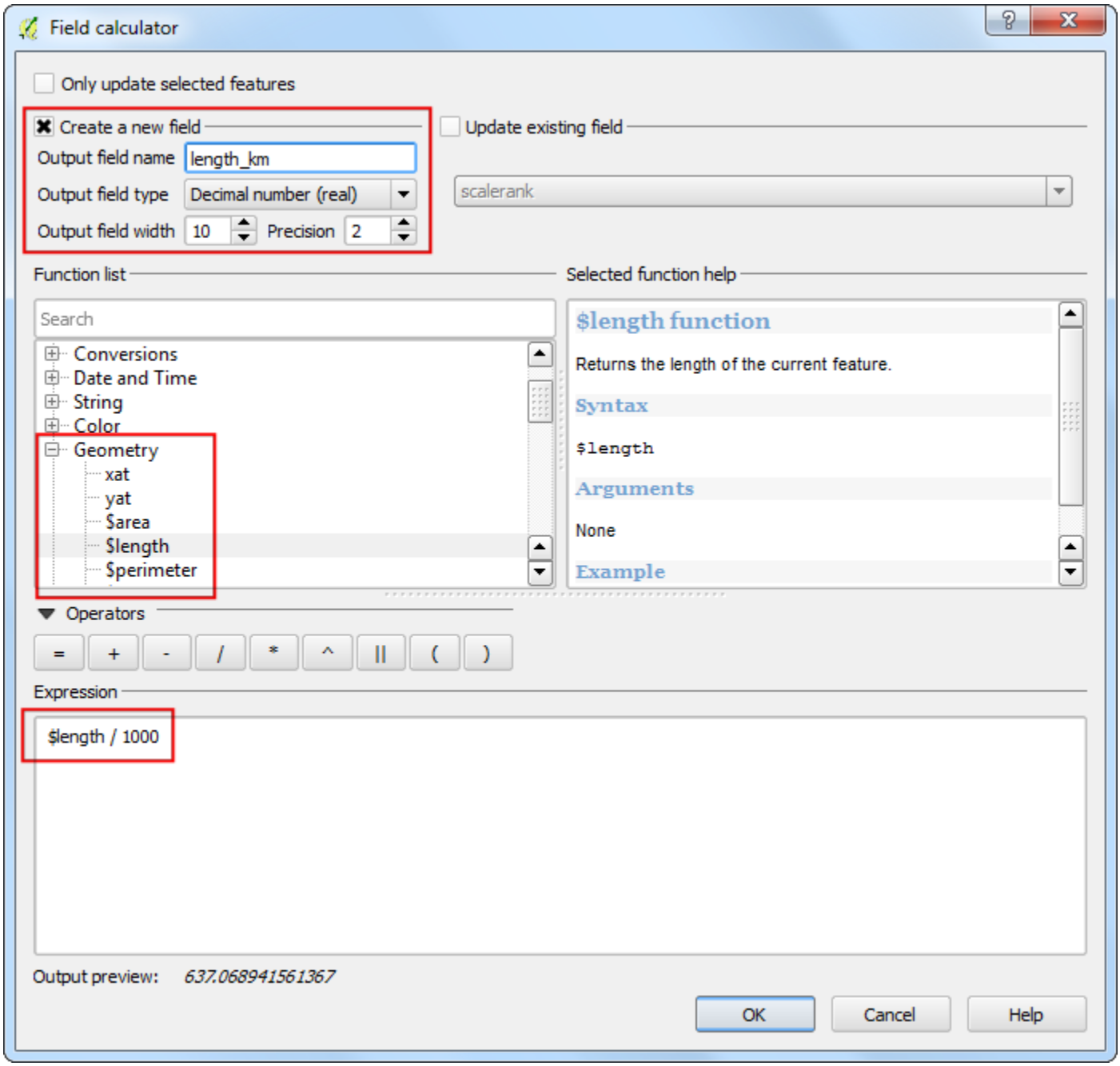
16. □□□□□ Field Calculator`□□ □ □□ □□ :guilabel:`Create a new field`□ □□□□□. □□□□□□ :guilabel:`Output field name`□ **length_km**□ □□□□□. □□ □□ □□ :guilabel:`Output field type`□ □□□ **Decimal number (real)** □ □□□□□. □□ □□□ :guilabel:`Precision`□ **2**□ □□□□. □□□□ :guilabel:`Function list`□□, □□□□□ :guilabel:`Geometry □□□□ □ :guilabel:`$length`□ □□□□. □□□ □□□□□□ □□□ :guilabel:`Expression`□ □□□□□. □□□□ CRS□ meters □□□□ □□□ **km**□ □□□□□ ``$length / 1000``□ □□ □□ □□□□□. OK :guilabel:`OK`□ □□□□□.



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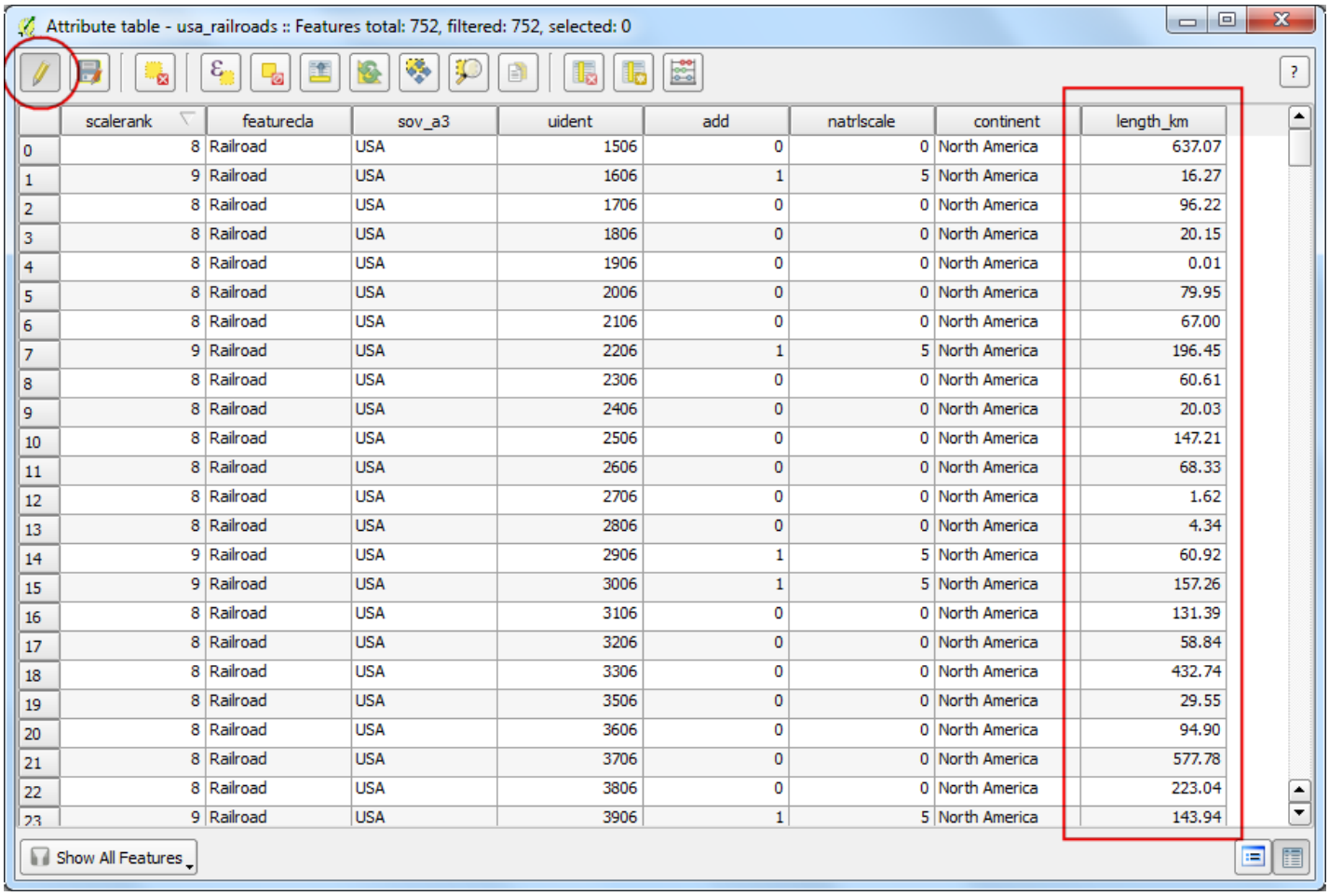

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18	8	Railroad	USA	3306	0	0	North America	432.74
19	8	Railroad	USA	3506	0	0	North America	29.55
20	8	Railroad	USA	3606	0	0	North America	94.90
21	8	Railroad	USA	3706	0	0	North America	577.78
22	8	Railroad	USA	3806	0	0	North America	223.04
23	9	Railroad	USA	3906	1	5	North America	143.94

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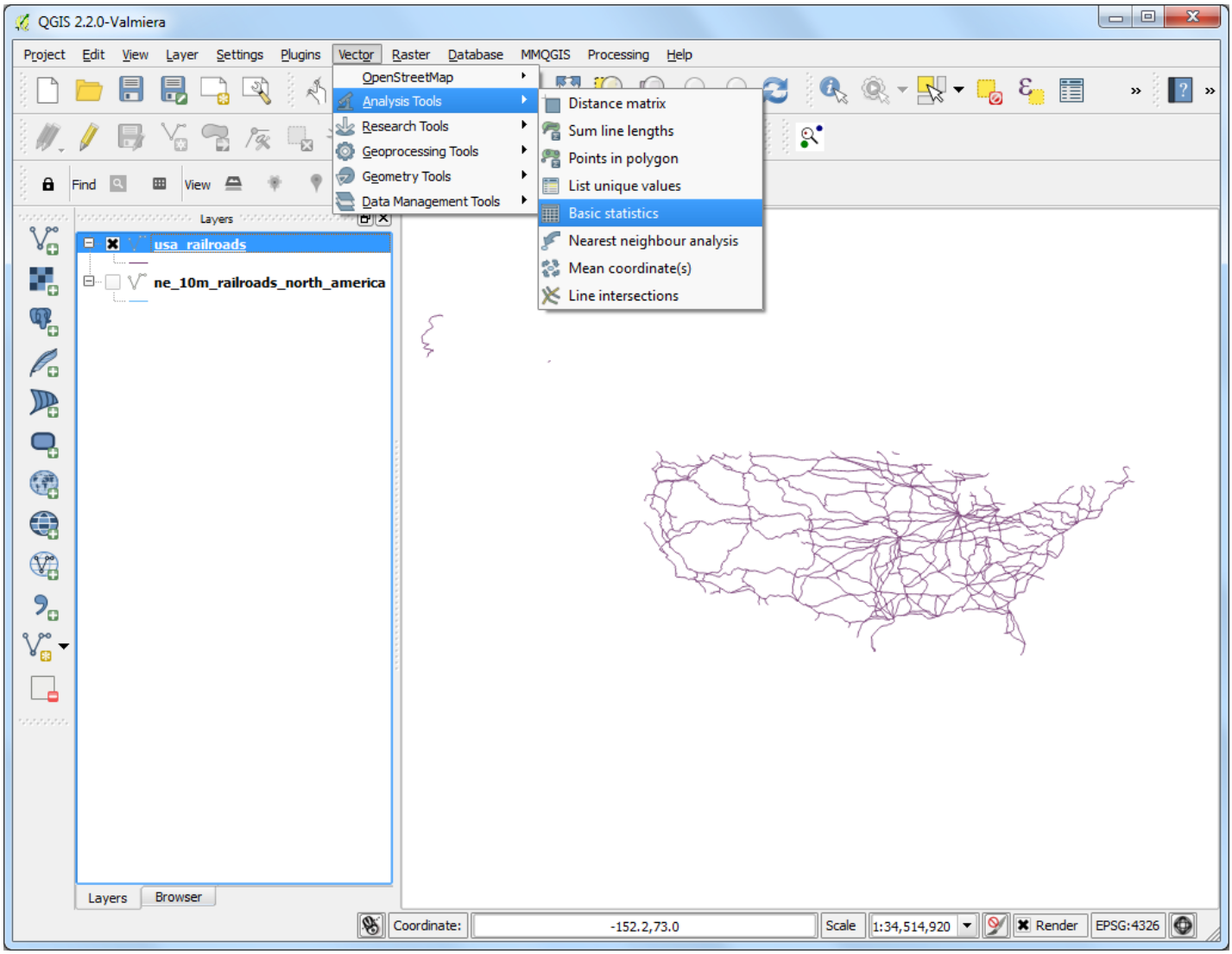

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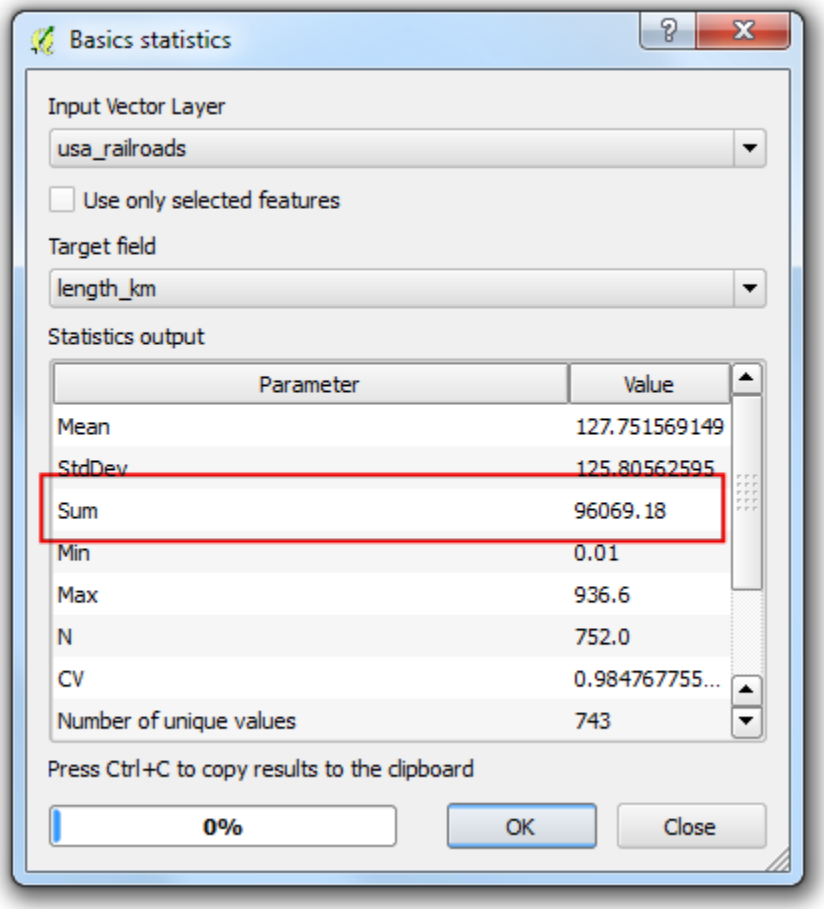
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