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East End in Iron County, Missouri, was the eastern terminus of the Sligo and Eastern Railroad. It was a shipping point for lumber and cordwood, 1912-1929.

East End is in the western part of Iron County, not far from the junction of highways 32 and 49. The area was settled in the mid-nineteenth century, although individuals from Potosi and the Bellevue Valley might have lived there earlier. The small community, on the headwaters of Huzzah Creek, was close to the hamlets of Goodland and Goodwater, but it was called East End after the arrival of the Sligo and Eastern Railroad in 1912. The line was built to supply the iron furnace at Sligo in Dent County. Established in 1880 and rebuilt in 1891, Sligo required one hundred and fifty cords of wood daily as fuel, and the ironworks there drew on thousands of acres of hardwood timber as far east as East End. The Sligo and Eastern hauled cordwood for the furnace as well as dimensional lumber produced by sawmills along the line. The railroad also hauled many tons of iron ore to the furnace from mines in Dent and Phelps counties. East End prospered so long as Sligo remained in operation, but it declined quickly after the furnace closed in 1923. The plant at Sligo was eventually dismantled, and the tracks to East End were scrapped by 1929.

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