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This single-car DMU train is running between Kobuchizawa and Kai Koizumi stations on JR East's Kōmō Line. The mountain in the background is Mt Kai Komagatake (2967 m). The northern half of the line from Komoro to Kōmō was opened in 1919 as the private Saku Railway (nationalized in 1934), and the whole line (78.9 km single track) was completed in 1935 to link the Chūō and Shin'etsu main lines. The line passes the highest point (1375 m) on Japanese railways and serves one of the best mountain resort areas in Japan on the eastern slopes of Mt Yatsugatake, although most visitors today use their own cars. Nobeyama Station on this line is Japan's highest railway station (1345.67 m). *(Photo: M. Mashima Photo Office)*

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