

General Description of T. 15 N., R. 51 E.

The township lies on the slopes of a rugged mountain range forming the divide between Antelope Valley to the west and Little Smoky Valley to the east. The divide itself consists of a high, narrow ridge, traversing through the center of the township in a north-easterly direction. The slopes near the ridge are very steep and rocky and cut by deep draws, farther away, they gradually flatten out and the draws become broader, with a gentle gradient until they merge into the valley bottom.

The timber is, in the main, small and scrubby, near the top a few large pines were noted. Juniper is predominant in the lower part and pinon pine and mahogany in the higher. In the upper parts of the principal draws occur dense patches of aspen.

The soil varies from a shallow, rocky clay loam on the slopes to a rich, black loam, from three to five feet deep, in the draws.

No evidence of commercial deposits of mineral were noted.

The drainage is generally north-east and north-west from the divide. The most important creeks are Cottonwood and Nine Mile; both head near Nine Mile Peak, Cottonwood flowing south-east and Nine Mile north-west. Numerous small springs and seeps were encountered, the largest being Cockalorum, in section 23 and Number 4, in section 3. Both are used extensively for sheep and cattle and both have small pastures under fence.

The only habitation is that of Ross Parker, in section 34.

It consists of an adobe house, a stable, sheep and cattle corrals, and about one acre of cultivated land. A short ditch line, approximately one-half mile long, has been constructed to irrigate the land.

The land is principally used for grazing sheep and cattle, forming an excellent summer range.