

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Chains

Timber, none.
Grazing, fair.

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The general elevation of the west half of this township ranges from about 4,200 ft. above sea level at the southwest corner to about 5,000 ft. above sea level in the extreme northeast corner. The general character of the lands vary from rugged broken but low mountains in the north portion to gentle rolling sandy plains in the south-central portion. In the sandy rolling area there are frequent small alkali flats or dry lake beds. The soil varies from a very shallow coarse rocky clay loam in the northern part to fine fertile wind-blown sand in the southern and western portions. The general drainage of the land is to the southwest; the draws in the northern portion are narrow rocky and deep, but lose their identity as they enter the sandy regions.

The rolling portions and low foothills are covered with a scattering growth of sagebrush, shadscale and greasewood. There is also a fairly good stand of native wild grasses which afford fairly good grazing during seasons of average rain fall.

In the northern portion the mountainous regions appear to be mineralized and some exploration is indicated by shallow cuts and shafts. Most of this activity has been in sections 4 and 5. There are no producing mines in this immediate vicinity.

The main road from Schurz, Nevada to Rawhide, Nevada, by way of Deadhorse Well, enters the township on the west boundary near the corner of sections 30 and 31 and extends in a general easterly direction. Several other roads run in a general northeasterly direction from Schurz and afford alternate routes to Rawhide.

Owing to the shifting nature of the sandy soil, the digging of pits for corner accessories was impracticable, and in these cases, where stone was not available for a suitable mound, deposits of glass or charcoal were made at the base of the iron post corners.

The corners along the third meridional line, including the corners of sections 3, 4, 33, and 34, on the south and north boundaries, all of which were found to be in good condition, marked and witnessed as described in the official record, were marked with the letters "WRIR" on the proper side or quadrant of the brass cap. The third meridional line forms a portion of the present boundary of the Walker River Indian Reservation.

There are no settlements of any nature in this half of the township. Schurz, Nevada is the nearest supply point and postoffice and is situated about one mile west of the southwest corner.