

## Township 17 South, Range 66½ East

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

T. 17 S., R. 66½ E. is located in the Valley of Fire, approximately 12 miles southwest of Overton, Nevada. The land in the township is mostly rolling desert land. The elevation ranges from about 2200 ft. above sea level in most of the township to a little over 2800 ft. on a limestone block mountain, which extends into sec. 19.

The soil in T. 17 S., R. 66½ E. is mostly an undeveloped rocky sandy silt of poor quality having only a very small amount of humus.

The drainage system of the township consists of numerous tributary washes and two main intermittent streams. Valley of Fire Wash which drains most of the area of the township enters at the west boundary near the northwest cor. of sec. 30, draining southeast to leave the township at the east boundary in the SE¼ of sec. 30. Kaolin Wash enters the township at the west boundary in the SW¼ of sec. 18, draining north and northwest to leave the township at the east boundary in the NE¼ of sec. 30.

The vegetative cover is composed of catclaw, creosote brush, white sagebrush, mountain rush and several species of cacti, with the cholla family predominating. The catclaw grows along the drainage varying in density from a few scattered trees to thickets. The creosote brush, white sagebrush, mountain rush and cacti are interspersed and scattered over the entire township.

The only improvements in the township are the picnic area located at Atlati Rock in the SE¼ of sec. 31 and a dirt road which enters the township at the east boundary at the north edge of Altati Rock, bearing northwest and curving to the southwest in a loop, to leave the township at the south boundary, 28.00 chs. east of the southeast cor. of sec. 31. There is evidence that the land has been utilized in the grazing of livestock, but there was no stock within the township at the time of this survey.