

General Description

The land in this fractional township is generally mountainous to rolling mountainous in character, with elevation from 6,000 to 9,000 ft. above sea level. Soil is a fine sandy loam, very shallow, mixed with decomposed quartzite, granite, shale and limestone, on a limestone and shale base. Drainage is good, the main system is Manhattan Gulch, a large dry ravine traversing through the center of the township westerly toward Big Smoky Valley, with other gulches and washes draining toward this large ravine in a northerly or southerly direction. The two south tiers and the east range of sections is generally covered with a dense to scattering growth of pinion pine and interspersed juniper of no commercial value. The whole of the area of the township is covered with a dense to scattering growth of sagebrush tapering to lower elevations and thence with shadscale, greasewood and a low white sage and a fair stand of various grasses. Two main graveled and graded roads traverse the township; one nearly in a westerly direction from Manhattan, Nevada, connecting with a paved road, Nevada State Highway No. 8, and the other nearly northwesterly to Round Mountain, Nevada, from Manhattan, Nevada. A large deposit of gold and silver bearing ore underlies the greater portion of this fractional area. At the present time, a large modern dredge is in operation in Sec. 21, and will extend through Manhattan Gulch area. There are no permanent settlements in this area. A temporary camp, housing employees of the dredging company, is located nearly in the center of sec. 21.

A large portion of the area is being used in seasons for grazing stock.