

Township 20 North, Range 55 East

Chains

General Description

This township is situated about 70 miles northwest of Ely and 95 miles south from Elko, Nevada. The graded highway from Ely to Elko and an ungraded road, termed as the Hamilton to Elko road, cross the township in the north-south direction.

The land varies from the level bed of Alkali Lake in the east to rough mountainous land in the western portion of the township. Alkali Lake is a seasonably filled body of water, varying from 1 to 6 feet in depth, in the late spring and early summer months. Separating the east and west drainages is Divide Ridge, rising about 3000 feet above Alkali Lake. It forms the boundary between White Pine and Eureka counties.

There is little or no soil suitable for agriculture. It generally consists of sandy, rocky, alkaline clay, within a narrow strip extending from the west shore of Alkali Lake to the foot of the divide ridge in the west part of the township. The soil in the mountainous portion of the township is exceedingly rocky.

The only timber, mountain mahogany, juniper, scrub pine, and aspen, is found in the extreme western part of the township. West of Alkali Lake there is an undergrowth of sagebrush, together with some greasewood, mountain laurel, and salt grasses.

The township is suitable for sheep grazing.

There are three cattle and hay ranches situated in the township; one known as the Hanley Ranch, one the De Bernardi Ranch, and the third, the Biale Ranch.