

T. 16 N., R. 18 E., MOUNT DIABLO MERIDIAN, NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Township 16 North, Range 18 East, is a fractional township located at the north end of Lake Tahoe in Washoe and Placer Counties in Nevada and California respectively. The California-Nevada State Line runs north-south through the west tier of sections. Situated in the Carson Mountain Range, elevations vary between about 6200 feet at the level of Lake Tahoe to 9480+ feet on Rifle Peak. The mountainous portion is almost exclusively granite and andesite rock, and is heavily timbered. The drainage divide of the Tahoe Basin roughly trends along the northern and eastern boundaries of the township. Public lands are part of the Toiyabe National Forest; and nearly all of the township is within the Tahoe Basin, managed by the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the U.S. Forest Service.

Incline Village above Crystal Bay is the largest town within the township. Other communities along the shore of Lake Tahoe include Kings Beach, Brockway, and Crystal Bay. State Route 28 parallels the Lake Tahoe shore, providing access along the lake shore from the junction of U.S. Highway 50 at Spooner Summit on the east to the junction with State Route 89 at Tahoe City on the west. State Route 27 courses northeasterly through the township from Incline Village over Mount Rose Summit to U.S. Highway 395. There is also access by State Route 267 over Brockway Summit from Truckee to Kings Beach.

The area is primarily known for its mountain and water outdoor recreation. There are many resorts catering to recreation, gaming, and other leisure time activities; and a considerable number of housing subdivisions developed on the slopes above the towns.
