SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 8,
T. 42 N., R. 24 E., MOUNT DIABLO MERIDIAN, NEVADA

CHAINS	From the C-N 1/16 sec. cor. of sec. 8.
	S. 89°55'30" W., on the E-W center line of the NW1/4 of sec. 8.
	Across rolling land, covered with sagebrush and bunchgrass.
0.20	Barbed wire fence, bears N. and S.
18.70	Barbed wire fence, bears N. 80° E. and S. 80° W.
27.30	Rock jack, 3 ft. diam., 3 ft. high, from which barbed wire fences extend SSE., W. and NNW.; continue along barbed wire fence.
36.00	Enter meadow, bears NNW. and SSE.
39.70	Cottonwood Creek, course SE.
40.012	The N 1/16 sec. cor. of secs. 7 and 8.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The area encompassed in this survey is mountainous high desert located on the southern flanks of Badger Mountain at an approximate elevation of 6000 feet above sea level, and on the southern boundary of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge with Cottonwood Creek draining south through the project area.

Vegetation consists of sagebrush, shadscale, scattered bitterbrush and bunchgrass, with meadow grass running along the length of Cottonwood Creek. This area shows the results of efforts of the mechanized turning under of the vegetation with small areas of standing tall sagebrush left in an apparent effort to restore ancient patterns of natural vegetation cover and animal habitat.

Soil consists of volcanic loam deposits, ranging from rocky along the base of Badger Mountain to less rocky in sections 7 and 8. There is no evidences in this area of mining activity.

The southern boundary of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge has been fenced to restrict the travel of wild horses into the refuge, with the movement of large herds of antelope witnessed during the course of this survey.

The area of this survey is accessed by traveling along Nevada State Route 140 into Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge to Nevada State Route 8A, an improved dirt road running southwest through Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge. Approximately 20 miles down this road and approximately 4 miles southwest of Fish Springs camp site, an unimproved dirt road leading southeast to Summit Lake Indian Reservation is accessed. Travel can be made southeast along an unimproved dirt road to Baleman Spring camp site where a second unimproved dirt road is traveled approximately 3 miles southwest to Cottonwood Creek, and the project area.