A typical township is six miles square and contains thirty-six square miles. It is divided into thirty-six segments called sections. The sections may be further subdivided in the manner shown in the illustration. Only a few of the major subdivisions of the section are shown; many other combinations are possible in describing small parcels of land.

Public land surveys are conducted by the Bureau of Land Management, a federal agency, which is responsible for surveying and maintaining our public domain.

The State of Nevada has been surveyed and subdivided in this manner and records are available for examination at the offices of the Bureau of Land Management, Reno, Nevada.