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Land Status. Lesson 3: Other Record System Components

LESSON OVERVIEW

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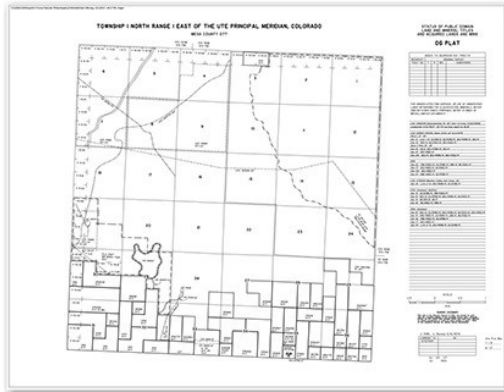


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Topic 1: Use Plats and Supplemental Plats

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Use Plat

- Contains same information on MTP
- Specific uses that affect status of land and resources

Use	Plat Designation
R&PP Lease	Use Plat
Coal Lease	Coal Plat
Sodium Lease	Sod Plat
Geothermal Lease	Geo Plat
Oil and Gas Lease	OG Plat

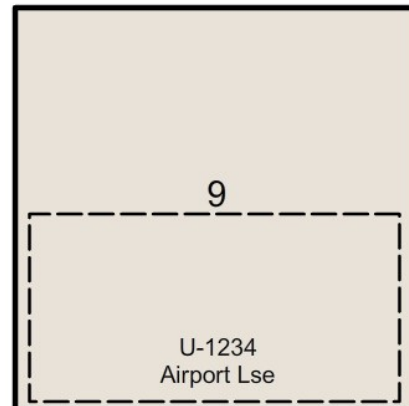


In addition to containing the same information that is on the MTP, the Use Plat is used for specific uses that affect the status of land and resources. Some specific lease uses for which a separate Use Plat would be generated are: R&PP with a Use Plat, Coal with a Coal Plat, Sodium with a Sod Plat, Geothermal with a Geo Plat, and Oil and Gas with a OG Plat.



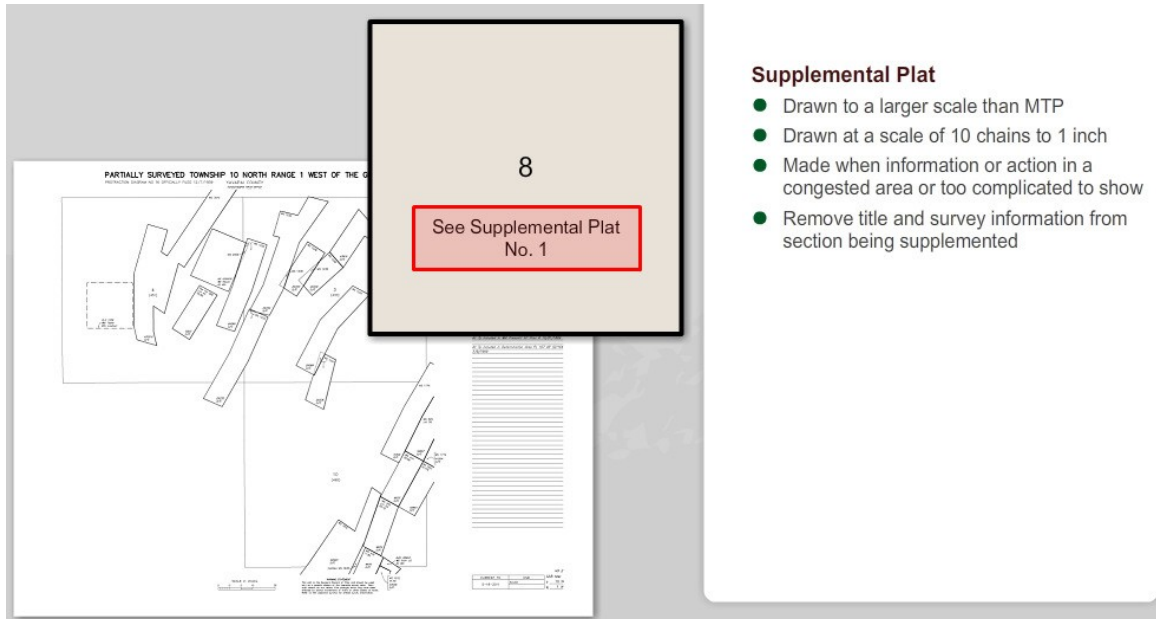
Leases Drafted onto MTPs and Use Plats:

Recreation and public purpose (R&PP) and airport leases



Two types of leases that are drafted onto both the MTP and the Use Plat are leases for recreation and public purpose (R&PP) and airport leases.

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Supplemental Plat

- Drawn to a larger scale than MTP
- Drawn at a scale of 10 chains to 1 inch
- Made when information or action in a congested area or too complicated to show
- Remove title and survey information from section being supplemented

The supplemental plat is a plat drawn to a larger scale than the MTP. It is usually drawn at a scale of 10 chains to 1 inch. These plats are made when the information or action to be platted is in a congested area or is too complicated to show at the normal 30 chain scale. When a plat is generated for this reason, all title and survey information will be removed from the section being supplemented. The words "See Supplemental Plat" are drafted below the section number on the MTP.

SkillCheck

True or False: Supplemental plats are used when the information or action to be platted is in a congested area or is too complicated to show at the normal 30 chain scale.

- A. True
- B. False

Correct Answer: True

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Topic 2

Historical Index

Topic 2: Historical Index

Historical Index (HI)

- Chronological listing of all actions affecting use/title to public land and resources for each township
- Ledger-type document with notations elaborating on MTP information
- Today created with office automation software
- Results available as image file via the Internet
- One for each MTP
- Series of columns for entering land status information for the township

Applications Noted to HI Only When They Segregate Land Heading Identical to MTP Heading

TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH RANGE 1 EAST OF THE GILA AND SALT RIVER MERIDIAN, ARIZONA

Section	Subsection	Acres	Area of Entry	Original Plat	Date of Entry	Remarks
1		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
2		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
3		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
4		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
5		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
6		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
7		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
8		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
9		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
10		36.00	48.00	1880	1880	
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The Historical Index (HI) is a chronological listing of all actions that affect the use or title to public land and resources for each township. Applications are noted to the HI only when they segregate the land. It is a ledger-type document that consists of notations that elaborate on the information shown on the MTP. Originally, HIs were typed onto vellum forms utilizing large carriage typewriters. Today, HIs are created using a variety of office automation software, which varies from state to state. However, the result is an image file which is available via the Internet with the MTPs. There is an HI for each MTP. The heading of the Index is identical to the heading of the MTP. The HI consists of a series of columns for entering land status information for the township. We will explain the columns starting with the left-hand column.

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Multiple Sections Listed on Separate Lines in Numerical Sequence

The diagram shows a grid representing a section. A red box highlights the first column, labeled "SECTION OR TRACT". A callout box shows a grid with "SUBDIVISION" at the top and "NE 1/4" in the center. Below "NE 1/4" are five columns labeled "NE", "NW", "SW", "SE", and "NE".

SECTION OR TRACT	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE

The first column lists the section(s) or tract number(s) involved in a case. When a case involves multiple sections, each section number is listed on a separate line in a numerical sequence.

Aliquot Parts

- Shown with an X and indicates a quarter-quarter (40 acres) of a section and its location

LOTS

- Denotes, by number, lots within section

OTHER DESCRIPTION

- "See Remarks"
- Land descriptions which do not fit into aliquot parts or lots column
- A key township or other township citation
- "All" referring to section notation

Broken into Three Sub-Parts

TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH RANGE 1 EAST OF THE GILA AND SALT RIVER MERIDIAN, ARIZONA																				
SUBDIVISION		ALLOT		AREA		DATE OF ENTRY		RECORD FILE		DATE OF		DATE		REMARKS		IF A DATE IS ENTERED, TERMINATED, REVERTED OR RECORDED				
NE 1/4		NW 1/4		SW 1/4		SE 1/4		LOTS		OTHER DESCRIPTION		FOR ORDER'S EFFECTING DISPOSAL OR								
NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	FOR ORDER'S EFFECTING DISPOSAL OR				

The next column is titled Subdivision. It is broken into three sub-parts: aliquot parts, lots, and other descriptions. Aliquot parts are shown with an X in the column. Each X indicates a quarter-quarter, or 40 acres of a section, and its location in the section. The column titled LOTS is for denoting, by number, the lots within the section in the case. The column titled OTHER DESCRIPTION may contain the following information: a) "See Remarks", b) land descriptions which do not fit into aliquot parts or the lots column, c) a key township or other township citation, and d) the word "All" referring to the section notation.

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Acreage of Case for Township

The acres column is a column for acreage of the case for the township.

Kind of Entry or Purpose of Order

- Explains action taken
- Uses abbreviations without periods whenever possible
- Contains information about type of document filed

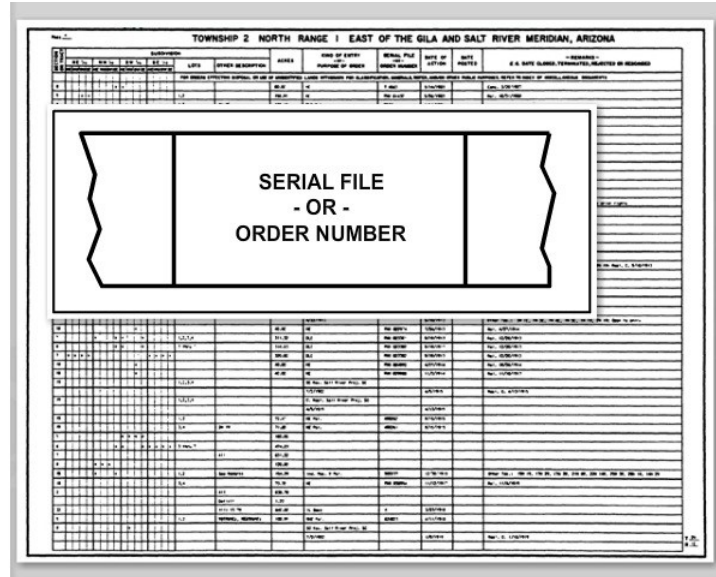
Abbreviation	Document
ST Pat	Small Tract Patent
HE Pat	Homestead Entry Patent
CE Pat	Cash Entry Patent
OG Lse	Oil and Gas Lease
PX Apln	Private Exchange Application

The column for Kind of Entry or Purpose of Order explains the action that was taken. Abbreviations without periods are used whenever possible in the column. The column contains information about the type of document filed. For example, such abbreviations in the column may include: ST Pat – Small Tract Patent, HE Pat – Homestead Entry Patent, CE Pat – Cash Entry Patent, OG Lse – Oil and Gas Lease, and PX Apln – Private Exchange Application.

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Serial File or Order Number

- Contains:
 - Patent number on title transfers from U.S.
 - Warranty deed identifications
 - Reconveyed lands
- Shows order numbering



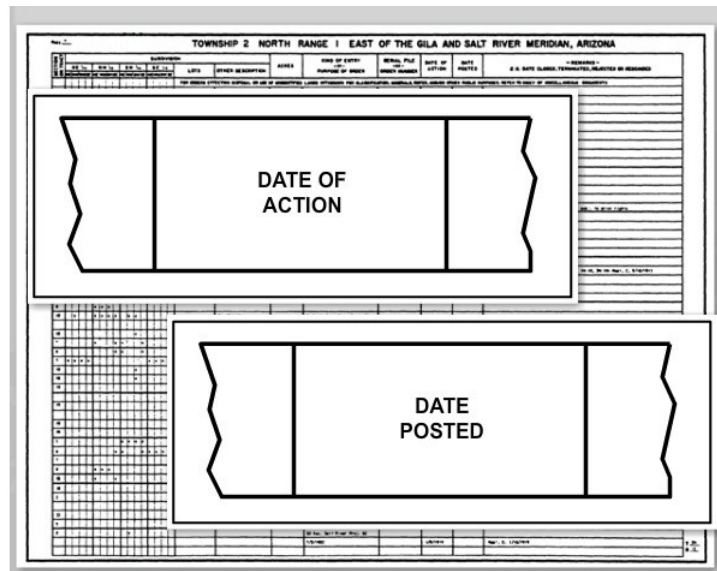
The next column is titled Serial File or Order Number. This column contains the patent number on title transfers from the U.S., warranty deed identifications, and reconveyed lands. It also shows the order numbering when they are numbered.

Date of Action

- In chronological order
- Date document was signed
- Not numbered: date used as the document identification
- Two or more entries with same date: entered in document number order

Date Posted

- Used if date pertinent to case action, such as termination actions
- Dropped from many newer automated HIs
- Present on older scans of old vellum HIs



The next column shows the date of action in chronological order. This date is the date the document was signed. When the order or document is not numbered, then the date is used as the document identification. If two or more entries have the same date, they are entered in document number order. The Date Posted column is used only if the date is pertinent to the case action, such as termination actions. The Date Posted column was dropped from many of the newer automated HIs, but is present on the older scans of the old vellum HIs.

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Remarks

- Miscellaneous information
- Notations of closings, terminations, and rejections
- Extensive information:
 - Metes-and-bounds descriptions
 - Lengthy aliquot parts descriptions
 - Segregations
 - Other land descriptions when Other Descriptions column contains "See Remarks"
- Serial number of case

The last column titled Remarks contains miscellaneous information about the case. Notations of closings, terminations, and rejections of the case will be cited here. Also, information that was too extensive to be entered in other columns, such as metes-and-bounds descriptions, lengthy aliquot parts descriptions, segregations, and other land descriptions when the "other descriptions" column contains the notation "See Remarks." The serial number of the case may also appear in this column. For example, REMARKS E.G. DATE CLOSED, TERMINATED, REJECTED OR RESCINDED.

"Acquired Lands" Added to Heading for Actions Affecting Acquisition

HI Data Read from:

- Back (latest) to front (earliest)
- Bottom of page (latest) to top of page (earliest)

Separate HI for Actions Affecting Acquisition, Uses, or Disposition of Acquired Lands

Mineral Location and Contest Index:

Uses same format as HI but records mining claim litigation and contest actions.

The HI data is read from the back (latest) to the front (earliest) and from the bottom of the page (latest) to the top of the page (earliest). There is a separate HI for actions which affect the acquisition, uses, or disposition of acquired lands. The addition of the words "Acquired Lands" is added to the heading for this index. Mineral Location and Contest Index is an index sheet that uses the same format as the HI but is used to record mining claim litigation and contest actions.

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SkillCheck

Which of the following are included in the column heading in the HI? (Select all that apply.)

- A. Acres
- B. Date received
- C. Kind of entry
- D. Tract or Section

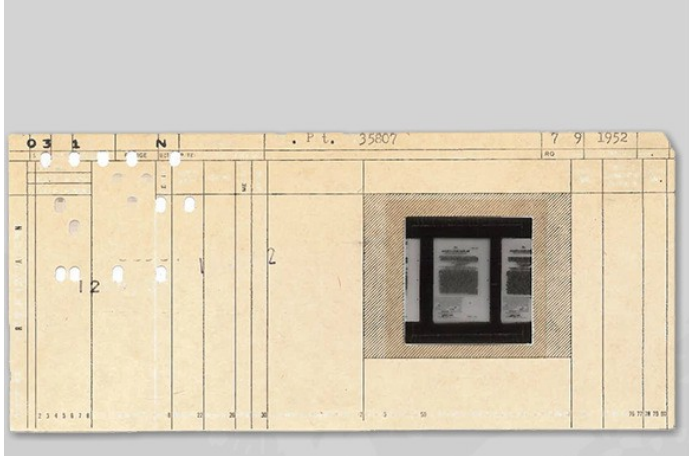
Correct Answers: A. Acres, C. Kind of entry, and D. Tract or Section.



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Topic 3: Other Indexes

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Control Document Index

- 35mm microfilm images mounted in aperture cards
- Most images available electronically
- Copies of original patents and other documents conveying title
- Contains copies of public laws, proclamations, and other orders affecting right or title to use of public land

The Control Document Index is a file of 35mm microfilm images mounted in aperture cards. Most states have scanned these aperture cards and the images are now available electronically. The images are copies of the original patents and other documents which conveyed title to interest in lands from or to the United States. The Control Document Index also contains copies of public laws, proclamations, and other orders which affect or have the right or title to use of public land.

ARIZONA		
INDEX TO MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENTS APPLYING TO LANDS NOT SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED, ON WHICH CONDITIONS RESTRICTING DISPOSAL OR USE MAY EXIST		
DOCUMENT DESIGNATION	DATE	NATURE AND EFFECT OF ACTION AND AMENDMENTS
EO FW Res 107	4/17/1926	Every smallest legal subdivision of the Public Land surveys which is vacant, unappropriated, unreserved, Public Land and contains a spring or water hole, and all lands within 1/4 mile of every spring or water hole located on unsurveyed Public Land are withdrawn, from settlement, location, sale, or entry and reserved for public use and in aid of irrigation. Lands may be rejected from application or offers if classification procedures determine that a spring or water hole is contained on such land.
EO Wd 5327	4/15/1930	The deposits of oil shale and lands containing such deposits owned by the U.S. are temporarily withdrawn from lease or other disposal and reserved for purposes of investigation, examination and classification. Land may be rejected from offers or applications if classification procedures determine such land contains oil shale deposits. Amended EO 6016 2/6/1933; EO 7036 5/13/1935.
EO Wd 5389	7/7/1930	Every smallest legal subdivision of the Public Land surveys which is vacant, unappropriated, unreserved, Public Land and contains a hot spring or a spring that waters of which contain curative properties, and all lands within 1/4 mile of such spring located on unsurveyed Public Land are withdrawn from settlement, location, sale or entry and reserved for lease. Lands may be rejected from applications or offers if classification procedures determine that such a spring is contained on such land. Amended P.L.O. 399 8/20/1947; P.L.O. 614 10/19/1949.
EO 6016 Amends EO 5327 4/15/1930	2/6/1933	Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue oil and gas permits and leases on lands containing oil shale deposits.
O	7/19/1934	Temporary withdrawal of all unentered, unreserved, unappropriated and undisposed of Public Land within Apache, Navajo, and Coconino counties. Revoked EO 1/29/1942.
EO Temp Wd 6910	11/26/1934	Temporarily withdraws all vacant, unreserved and unappropriated Public Land from settlement, location, sale or entry and reserves such land for classification pending determination of the most useful purpose to which such land may be put and for conservation and development if natural resources. Amended EO 7048 5/20/1935; EO 7235 11/26/1935; EO 7274 1/4/1936; EO 7599 4/1/1937.
EO 7038 Amends EO 5327 4/15/1930	5/13/1935	Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue sodium permits and leases on lands containing oil shale deposits.
EO 7048 Amends EO 6910 11/26/1934	5/20/1935	Included lands subject to withdrawal or other appropriation at the time EO 6910 issued and subsequently released. Secretary of the Interior is authorized to affect exchanges affected by EO 6910 in his discretion.
EO 7235 Amends EO 6910 11/26/1934	11/26/1935	Authorizes sale or leasing of land under Act of June 28, 1934 and provides that the withdrawal shall not debar the recognition of non-metaliferous mining claims.
EO 7274 Amends EO 6910 11/26/1934	1/4/1936	Excludes all land within grazing districts from classification while such lands remain a part of a grazing district.
EO 7599 Amends EO 6910 11/26/1934	4/1/1937	Excludes lands which upon acceptance of survey would otherwise become a part of a school land grant of designated sections.

Index to Miscellaneous Documents

- Chronological listing:
 - Public laws
 - Acts of Congress
 - Presidential orders
- Documents apply to lands not specifically described on which conditions may exist that would restrict disposal or use of lands

The Index to Miscellaneous Documents contains a chronological listing of public laws, acts of Congress, and Presidential orders. The listed documents are those that apply to lands not specifically described on which conditions may exist that would restrict the disposal or use of lands.

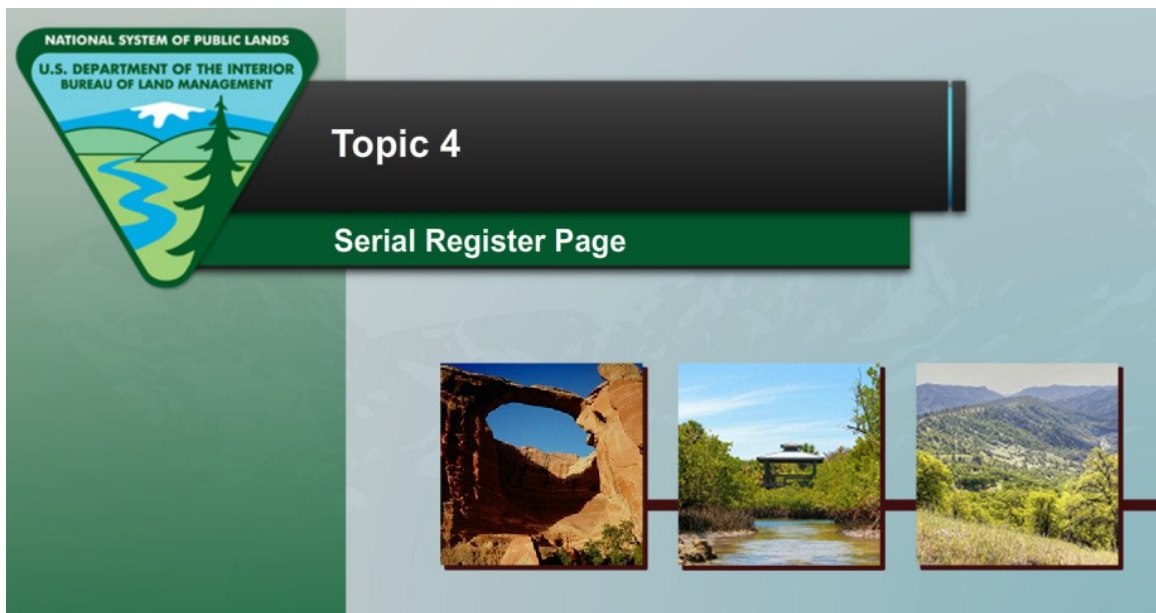
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SkillCheck

Which of the following does the Control Document Index contain? (Select all that apply.)

- A. Right-of-way grant
- B. Copies of original patents
- C. Public laws affecting right or title to the land

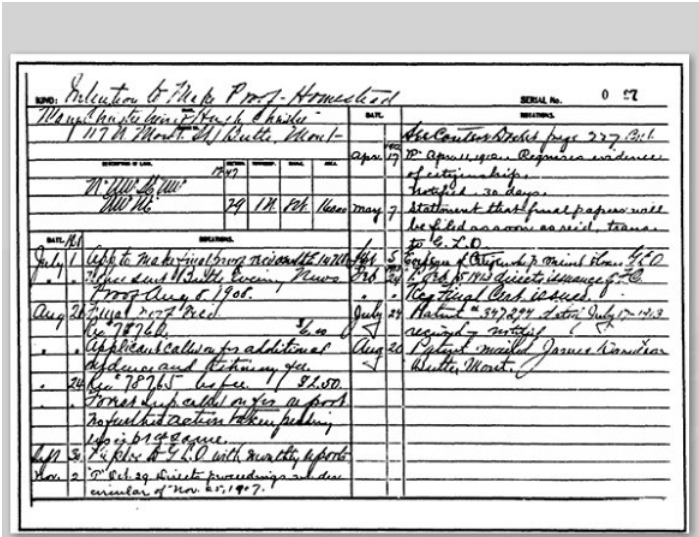
Correct Answers: B. Copies of original patents and C. Public laws affecting right or title to the land



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Topic 4: Serial Register Page

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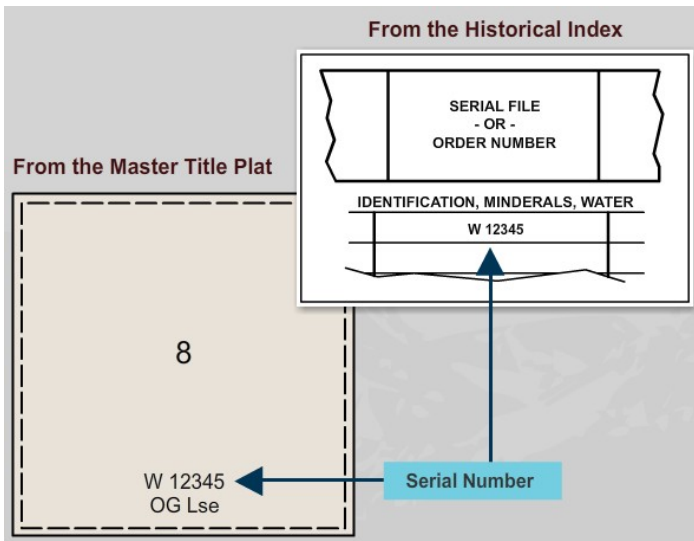


Serial Register Page

- Customer name and address
- Type of case
- Legal descriptions
- Actions relating to case
- Other information pertinent to case

Chronological Record Kept Whether or Not Transaction Resulted in Disposal or Authorization to Use Public Lands

The Serial Register Page is an individual document that contains: customer name and address, type of case, legal descriptions, actions that have occurred relating to the case, and other information pertinent to the case. This chronological record of the case is kept whether or not the transaction resulted in the disposal or authorization to use the public lands involved.



Serial Numbers

- Identify transactions
- Assigned by each BLM State Office in sequential order
- Preceded by BLM State Office that issued serial number
- Followed by land office

COC 12345:

Serial number for Colorado

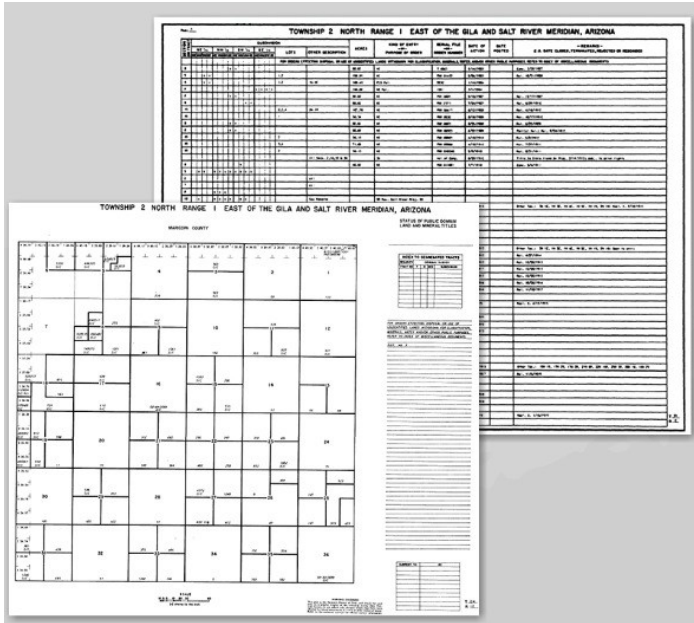
CACA 12345:

Serial number for California

Also Used to Identify Cases on Master Title Plats and Historical Index

Each transaction is identified by a serial number that has been assigned to it. Serial numbers are assigned by each BLM State Office in sequential order. These numbers are preceded by the BLM State Office that issued the serial number followed by the land office. For example, COC 12345 is a serial number for Colorado and CACA 12345 is a serial number for California. The serial number found in the register is also used to identify cases on both the Master Title Plats and the Historical Index.

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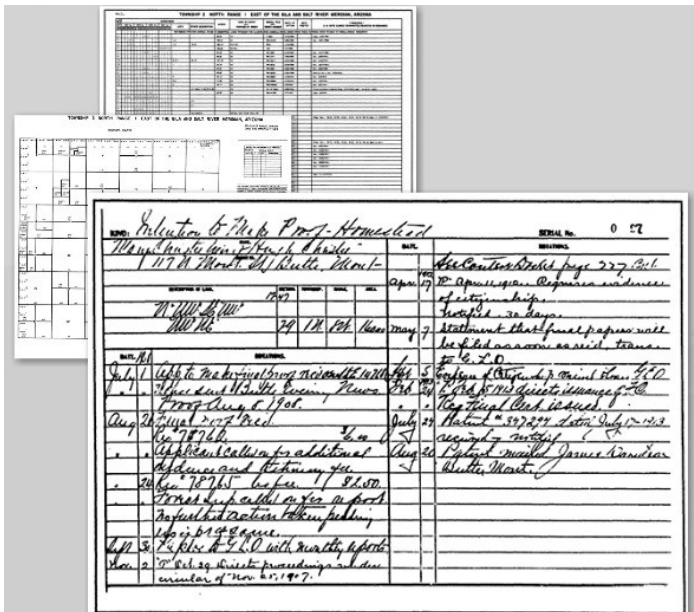


BLM Administrative State Left Off Serial Number Notation on Some Older Plats

COC 12345 may appear as C 12345

CACA 12345 may appear as CA 12345

On some of the older plats, the BLM administrative state is left off of the serial number notation so that only the land office precedes the serial number. For example, COC 12345 may appear as C 12345 on some MTPs or HIs, whereas CACA 12345 may appear as CA 12345.



Discontinued Serial Prefixes Still Used to Identify Cases that Show on Records

Serial Prefix	Office
CC	Central City or Carson City
GLO	General Land Office
H	Humboldt
PHX	Phoenix

Serial Register Pages

- Historically: handwritten/typed
- Today: generated from automated land and mineral databases

When reading the plats and historical indexes you may find other serial prefixes that have been discontinued, but are still used to identify cases that show on the records. Some examples may include: CC – Central City or Carson City, GLO – General Land Office, H – Humboldt, and PHX – Phoenix. Historically, Serial Register Pages were handwritten or typed forms. Today, Serial Register Pages are generated from data entered into our automated land and mineral databases.

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SkillCheck

Which of the following is the serial number used to identify cases? (Select all that apply.)

- A. Index to Miscellaneous Documents
- B. Master Title Plat
- C. Historical Index

Correct Answers: B. Master Title Plat and C. Historical Index.

Summary

You should now be able to:

- Summarize the specific purposes for a Use Plat and Supplemental Plat
- Describe the Historical Index, Control Document Index, and Serial Register Page



What you have learned here are just the basics of the BLM Land Status records system. There are many exceptions and varied practices from State Office to State Office. You should now be able to: summarize the specific purposes for a Use Plat and Supplemental Plat, and describe the Historical Index, Control, and Document Index, and Serial Register Page.

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Quiz Answer Key

1. Which of the following scales are used for supplemental plats?

- A. 5 chains to 1 inch
- B. 10 chains to 1 inch
- C. 20 chains to 1 inch
- D. 30 chains to 1 inch

Correct Answer: B. 10 chains to 1 inch.

2. On which of the following is a chronological listing of all actions that affect the use or title to public land and resources for each township?

- A. Control Document Index
- B. Historical Index
- C. Serial Register Page

Correct Answer: B. Historical Index

3. True or False: Serial numbers are assigned by the Washington Office.

- A. True
- B. False

Correct Answer: False

4. True or False: Aperture cards are filed by range and by township in chronological order by the action's occurrence within the township.

- A. True
- B. False

Correct Answer: True

5. In which order are serial numbers issued?

- A. Chronological order
- B. Sequential order
- C. Random order

Correct Answer: B. Sequential order