

NEVADA DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Well Driller's License Examination Study Guide

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 534 & Adopted Regulation Amendments (Effective November 24, 2025)

The Nevada Well Driller's Examination consists of two separate parts:

PART 1 - A written exam on which the applicant must obtain a passing score of at least 80 percent.* This is a closed book test. No reference materials of any type are allowed at test site. All materials will be provided. All questions are equally weighted. Two (2) hours allowed to complete exam.

*An applicant whose [reciprocity](#) request has been accepted will be exempt from the oral examination upon earning a written examination score of no less than 87 percent. **Note: This provision applies solely to the applicant's first attempt.**

PART 2 - An oral interview conducted by the Nevada Well Driller's Advisory Board. Topics covered, but not limited to, include:

1. Knowledge of the provisions of NAC Chapter 534 & NRS Chapter 534 established for the construction, plugging, development or testing of wells.
2. Water right permits, notice of intent form, well driller's report, authorizations, current statutory fees.
3. Qualifications and experience
4. Proficiency in operating well drilling equipment to include: drill rigs, tools, casings, drilling fluids, and methods of drilling operations.
5. Ability to resolve problems that may arise during the construction, plugging, development or testing of a well.

Content of the Written Examination

1. Total of 100 questions
2. Multiple-choice questions directly related to NAC Chapter 534 - Underground Water & Wells
 - General Provisions
 - Well-Drilling Licenses
 - Duties of Well Drillers
 - Drilling, Construction and Plugging of Wells & Boreholes
 - Waivers
 - Enforcement
3. Multiple-choice questions testing the applicant's ability to identify public land survey on a map
4. 10 questions are fill-in-the-blank of how to prepare a Notice of Intent (NOI)
5. 10 questions are fill-in-the-blank of how to prepare a Well Driller's Report (Well Log)

** Attached are examples of the test materials and a guide to identifying public land survey*

Resources

NRS Chapter 534 - Underground Water & Wells
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-534.html>

NAC Chapter 534 - Underground Water & Wells
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-534.html>

Adopted Regulation Amendments (eff. 11/24/2025)
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2025Register/RO27-25RPI.pdf>

Name

STATE OF NEVADA WELL DRILLER'S EXAMINATION
INSTRUCTIONS

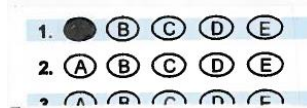
DO NOT BEGIN THE TEST UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO. This is the written portion of the two parts Well Driller's Examination and consists of 100 questions. 80 questions are multiple choice, 10 are fill in the blank pertaining to the Notice of Intent to Drill form, and 10 are fill in the blank pertaining to the Well Driller's Report. All questions are equally weighted. You must score at least 80 percent on Part 1 to proceed to Part 2 of the examination. You must remain immediately available until the exams are graded and you are called individually to review your score – do not leave the testing facility.

You have 2 hours to complete the exam. The back of this page may be used as scratch paper. No other scratch paper is allowed to be used, and you must return this page to the examiner to receive credit for the exam. Ensure your test booklet color matches that of your answer sheet.

Below are two sample questions:

Multiple Choice

1. How often does a licensed Nevada well driller renew his license?
- A. Every year.
 - B. Every six months.
 - C. Every two years.
 - D. Every 3 years.



The answer is "A" – "Every year". Completely black out the letter "A", as shown below, to indicate the answer you have selected. If you need to change your answer, erase the previous selection entirely. No credit will be given for questions with more than one answer marked.

Fill in the Blank

2. You were hired by Mr. Ralph Jones to drill a well located at 114 Clark Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123. The water right that this well was drilled under is Permit 76096. Mr. Jones' office is located at 2600 Pine Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113. On June 20th, 2011, a Notice of Intent to Drill form was filed with the Nevada Division of Water Resources on behalf of this well, and was given the number 55589. On June 27th, 2011 you were standing at the surveyed location of the well site. You had your GPS set to the WGS 84 datum, and the coordinates read N 36.16625°, W115.14760°. The Clark County assessor shows this location to be in the southwest of the northwest of section 34, Township 20 south, Range 61 east: APN 123-45-777-001.

Complete the Well Driller's Report using the above information, a portion of which is demonstrated below:

PRINT OR TYPE ONLY DO NOT WRITE ON BACK		<i>Please complete this form in its entirety in accordance with NRS 534.170 and NAC 534.340</i>		NOTICE OF INTENT NO. 55589	
1. OWNER Ralph Jones		ADDRESS AT WELL LOCATION 114 Clark Street			
MAILING ADDRESS 2600 Pine Street Las Vegas, NV 89113		Las Vegas, NV 89123			
2. LOCATION SW ¼ NW ¼ Sec 34 T 20 N R 61 E		Latitude N 36.16625°		UTM E <input type="checkbox"/> NAD 27	
PERMIT/WAIVER No 76096		Longitude W 115.14760°		N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAD 83/WGS 84	
<small>Issued by Water Resources</small>		<small>Parcel No</small>		<small>Country</small>	

State of Nevada Well Driller's Examination

Answer Sheet

BLUE TEST

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 28. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 55. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 2. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 29. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 56. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 3. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 30. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 57. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 4. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 31. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 58. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 5. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 32. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 59. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 6. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 33. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 60. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 7. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 34. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 61. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 8. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 35. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 62. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 9. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 36. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 63. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 10. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 37. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 64. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 11. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 38. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 65. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 12. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 39. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 66. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 13. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 40. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 67. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 14. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 41. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 68. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 15. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 42. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 69. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 16. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 43. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 70. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 17. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 44. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 71. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 18. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 45. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 72. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 19. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 46. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 73. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 20. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 47. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 74. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 21. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 48. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 75. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 22. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 49. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 76. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 23. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 50. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 77. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 24. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 51. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 78. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 25. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 52. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 79. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 26. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 53. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 80. (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 27. (A) (B) (C) (D) | 54. (A) (B) (C) (D) | |

NAME: _____

LOCATION: _____

DATE: _____

PART I: Written Exam (100 points Total; 80% or higher is passing)

Multiple Choice:	/80	NOI:	/10	Well Log:	/10
TOTAL SCORE: _____		PASS: _____		FAIL: _____	

FORM 4011 <small>Rev. 11/2024</small>	Nevada Division of Water Resources Notice of Intent to Drill	<u>For Division Use Only</u> WGS84 Lat: _____ WGS84 Long: _____ Basin: _____
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Today's Date: _____ Intended Start Date: _____

Type of Work: Drilling Deepening Rehabilitation Plugging

Is this a replacement well? Yes No Please indicate the existing well log number (if applicable): _____

Proposed Use of well: _____ Diameter of well: _____ inches Number of wells: _____

If domestic well, is the location in a water purveyor's service area: Yes No Well ID: _____

For monitor well required by another agency, provide facility ID number: _____ Agency: _____

If well is being completed under a waiver, please provide the corresponding waiver number: _____

If a water right permit issued by NDWR is associated with the well, please provide the permit number: _____

Location of well by Public Land Survey: _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 Sec _____ T _____ R _____ E. M.D.B.&M.

Latitude: _____ UTM E: _____ NAD 27

Longitude: _____ UTM N: _____ NAD83/WGS 84

Address at well location: _____

Assessor's Parcel Number: _____ Parcel size: _____ acres

County: _____ Subdivision name: _____

Name of client: _____

Address of client: _____

Company name and address: _____

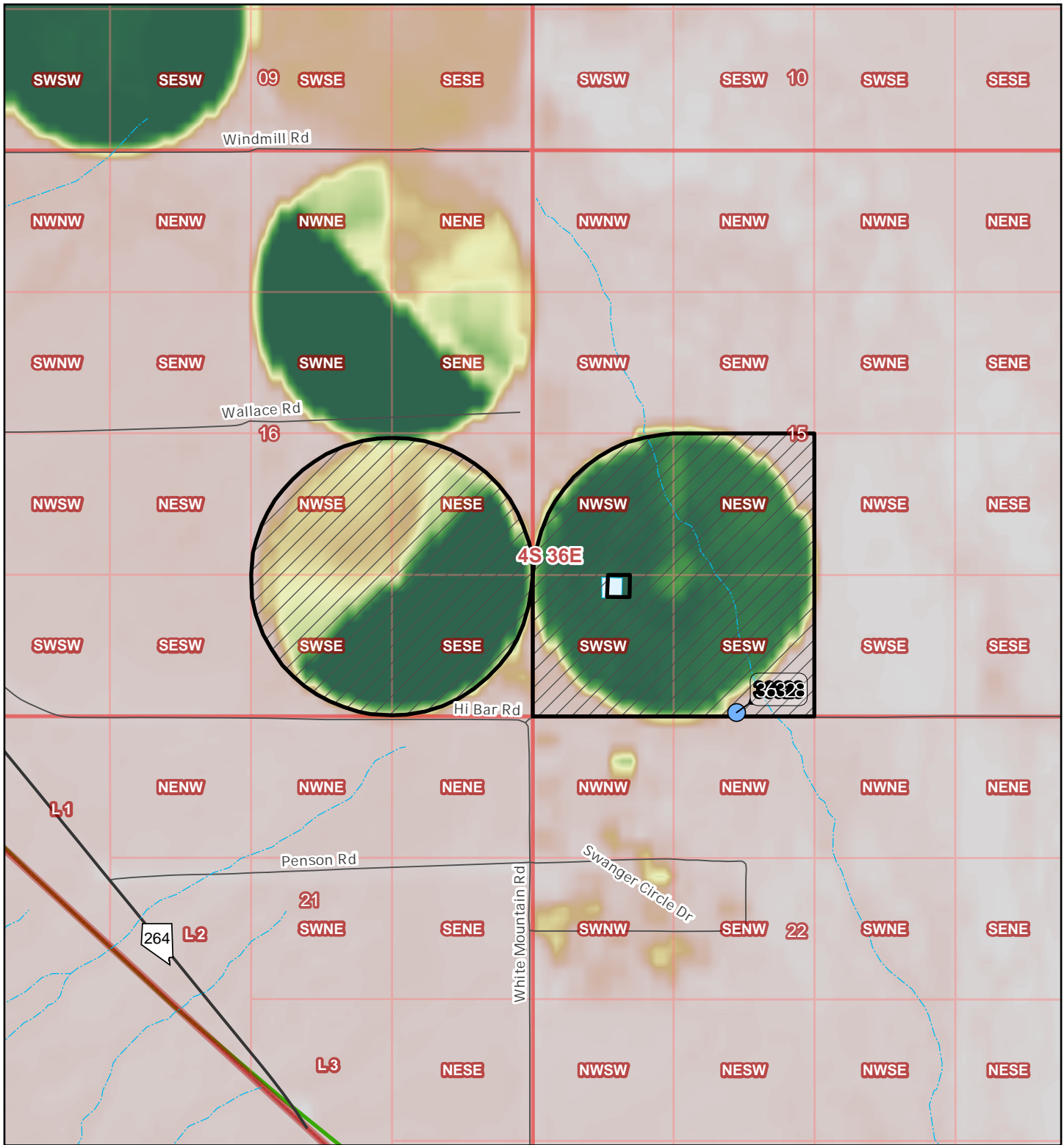
Contact phone number: _____ Company e-mail address: _____

Contractor license #: _____ Driller license #: _____ Driller Signature: _____

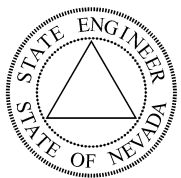
\$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REQUEST

<u>For Division Use Only</u>		
NOI #: _____	Status: Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	Expiration Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Details: _____		

24-hour notice to ndwrdrilling@water.nv.gov required prior to beginning work under this NOI		
Reviewer: _____	Date Reviewed: _____ / _____ / _____	



POINT OF DIVERSION & PLACE OF USE - PERMIT 36328

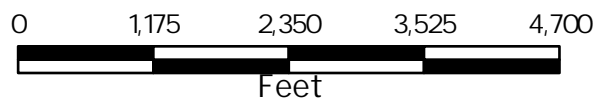


Joe Cacioppo
State Engineer
January 2026

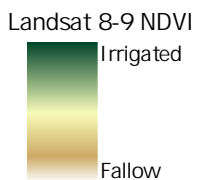


Basin 117 - Fish Lake Valley

Landsat 8-9 Imagery - Average NDVI
2025 Growing Season (Mar 1 to Oct 1)

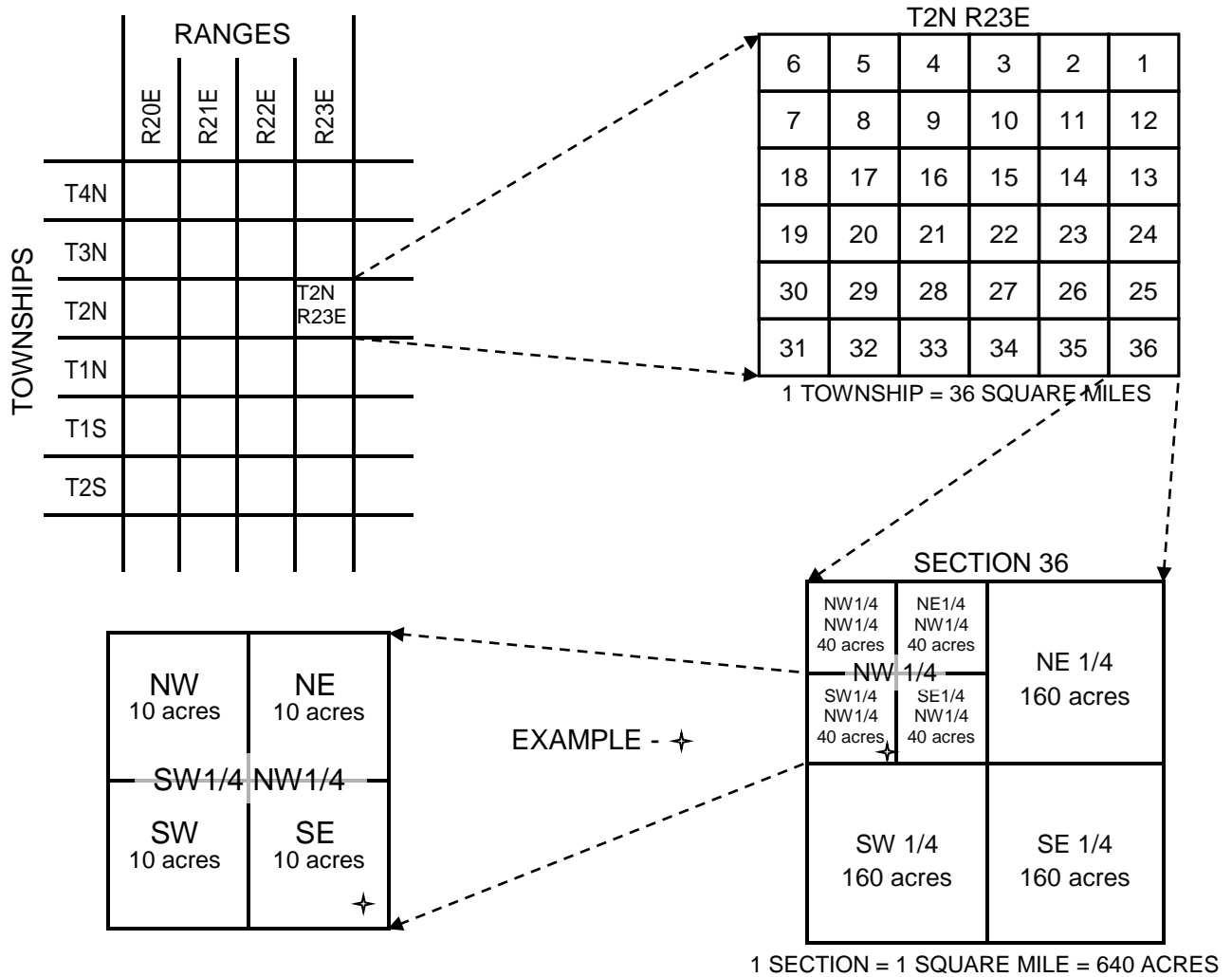


- Point of Diversion
- Place of Use
- Interstate
- US Highway
- State Highway
- Local Roads



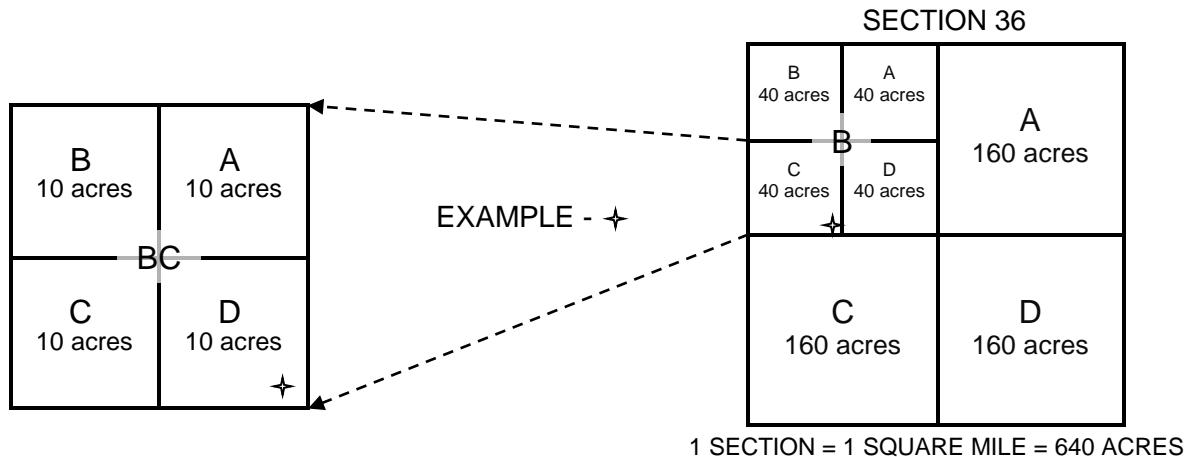
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PUBLIC LAND SURVEY (PLS)



PLS DESCRIPTION WRITTEN AS:
 SW1/4 NW/4 SEC 36 T2N R23E – 40 ACRES
 SE1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 SEC 36 T2N R23E – 10 ACRES

US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)



USGS DESCRIPTION WRITTEN AS:
 N02 E23 36 BC – 40 ACRES
 N02 E23 36 BCD – 10 ACRES