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**Homesteading with Mike & Leah:
Phase I – Researching Your Land Patent**



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Warrior Dividends for Military



Trump Announces \$1,776 'Warrior Dividends'

Housekeeping

Q's Process: Three Phases

I. Researching Your Land Patent

II. Public Notice and Filing

III. Defending Your Homestead

Phase I – Researching Your Land Patent

Government Record Keepers

1. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
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Phase I – Researching Your Land Patent


Non-Governmental Record Keepers




1. Historical Societies
2. Local Libraries
3. Family Genealogies
4. Others?

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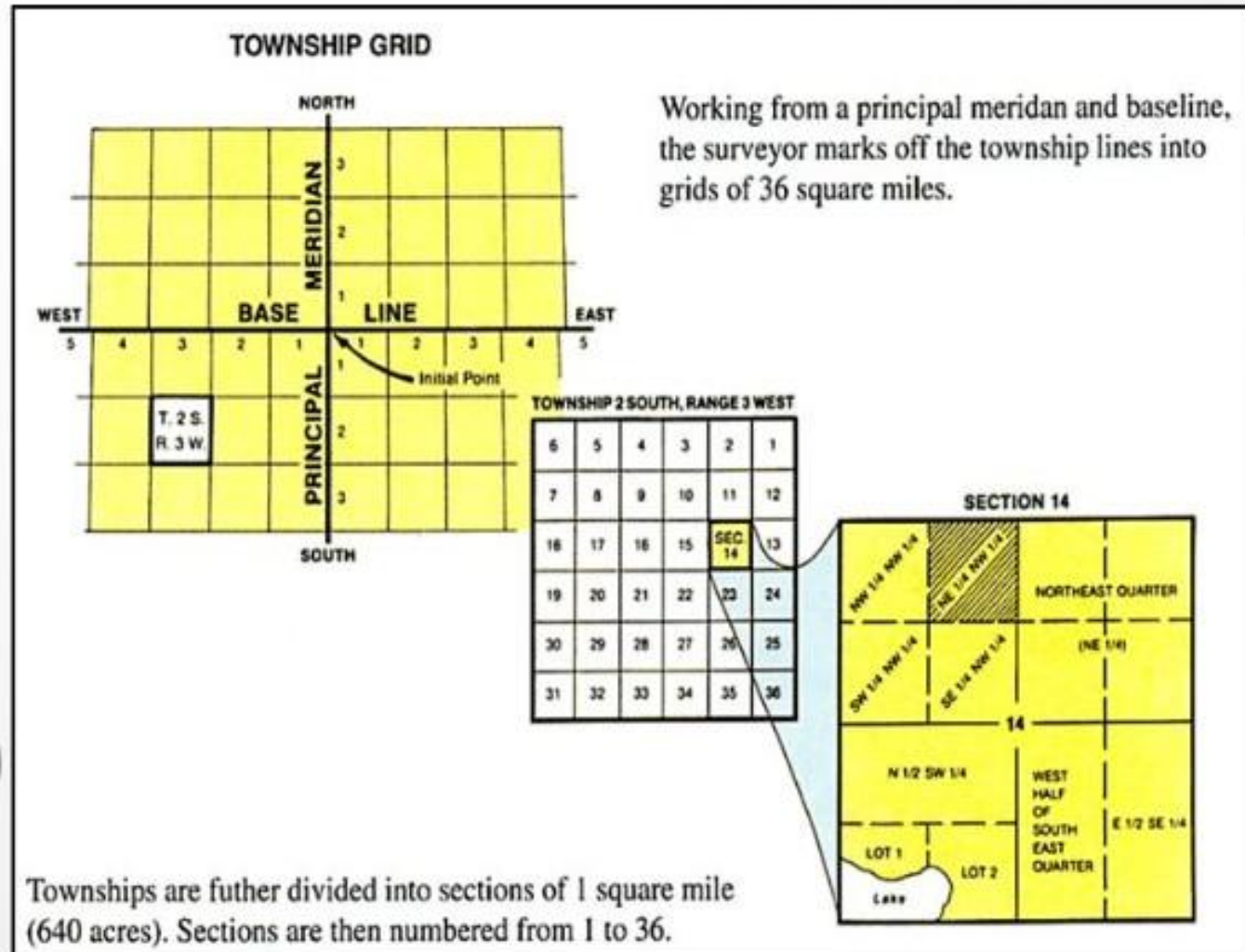
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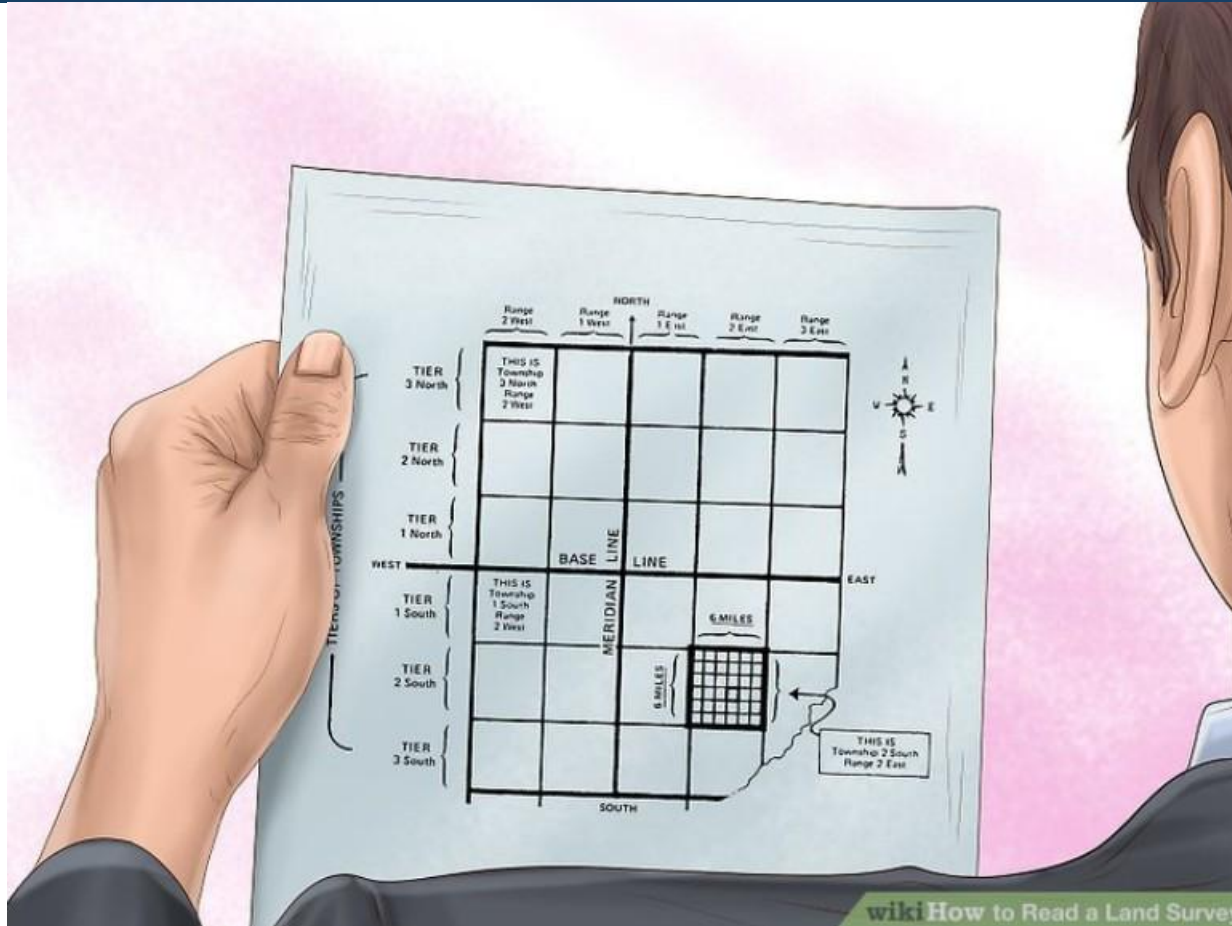
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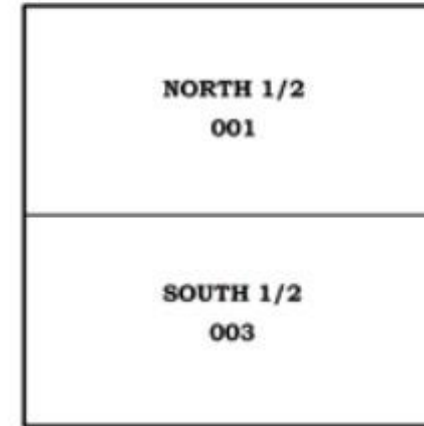
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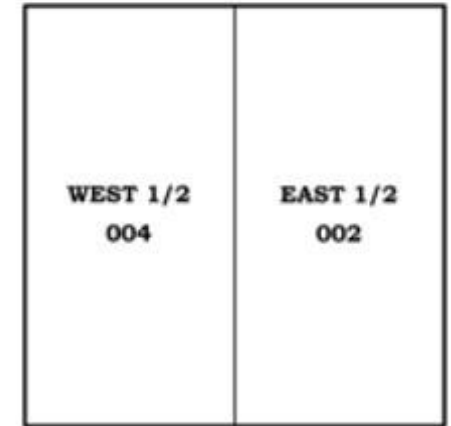
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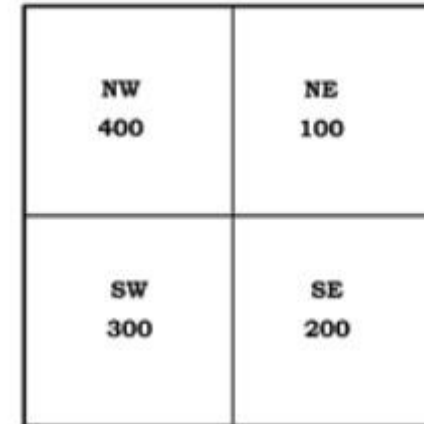
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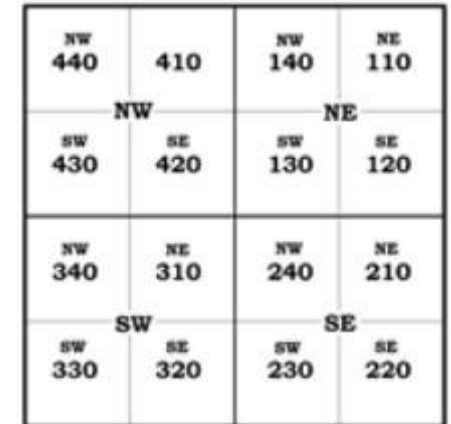
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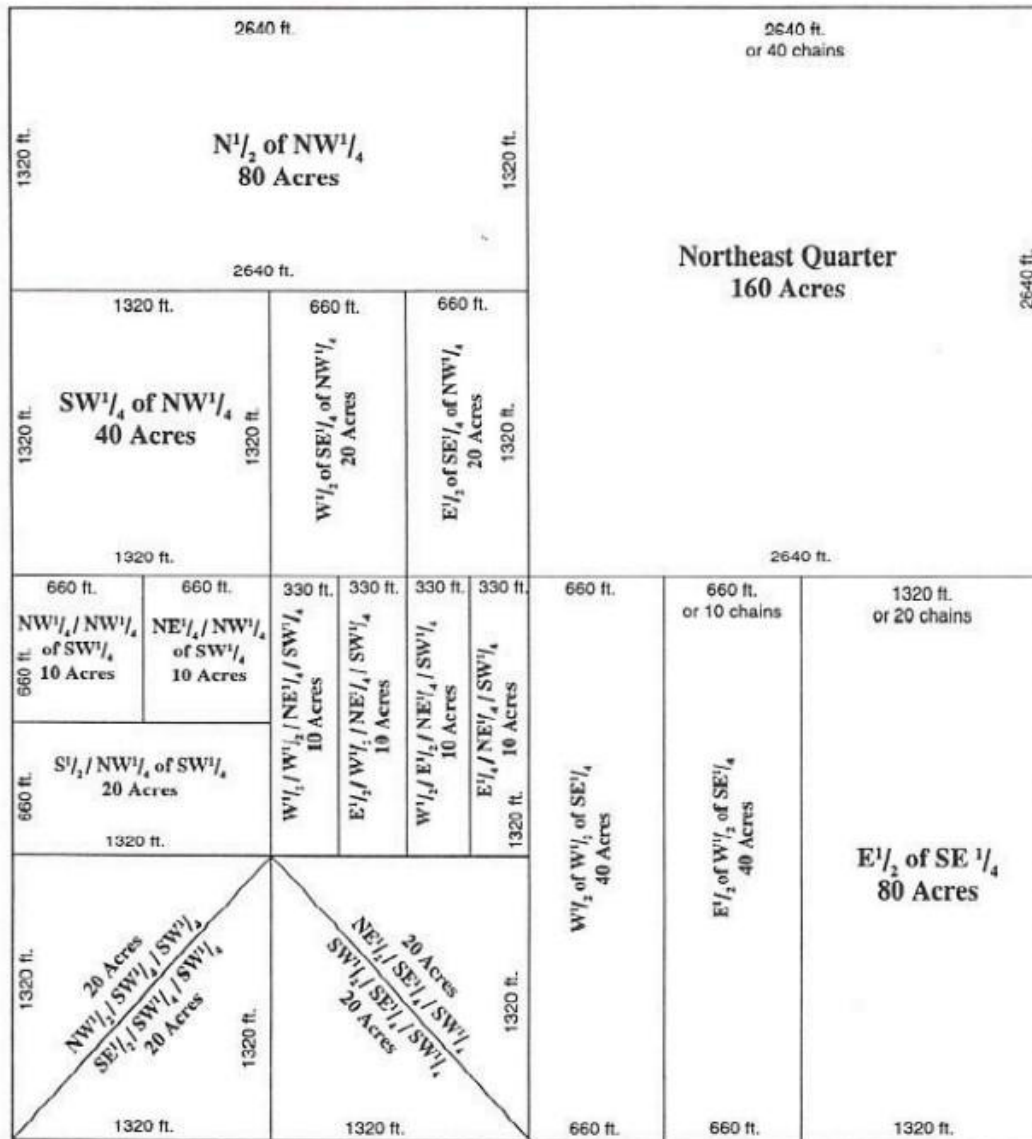
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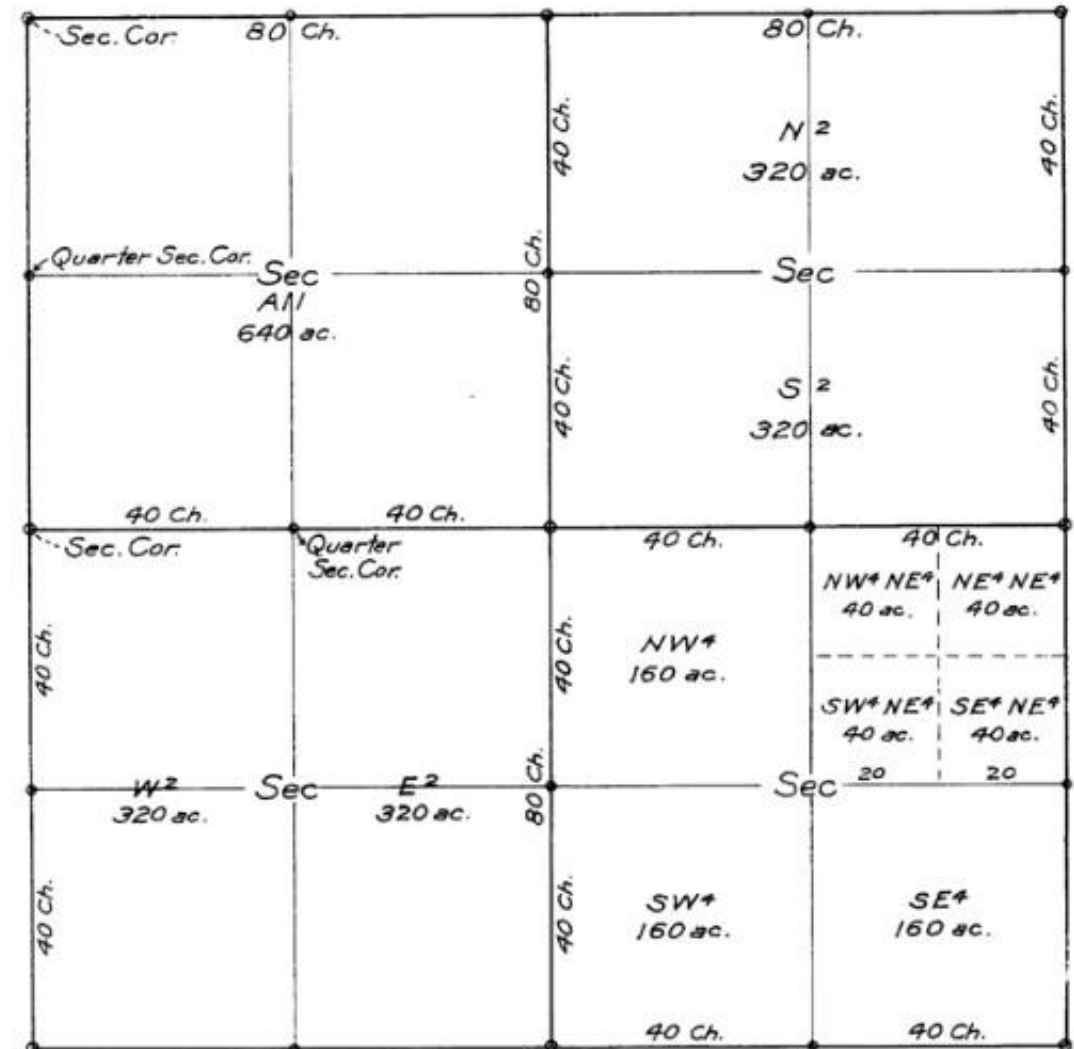
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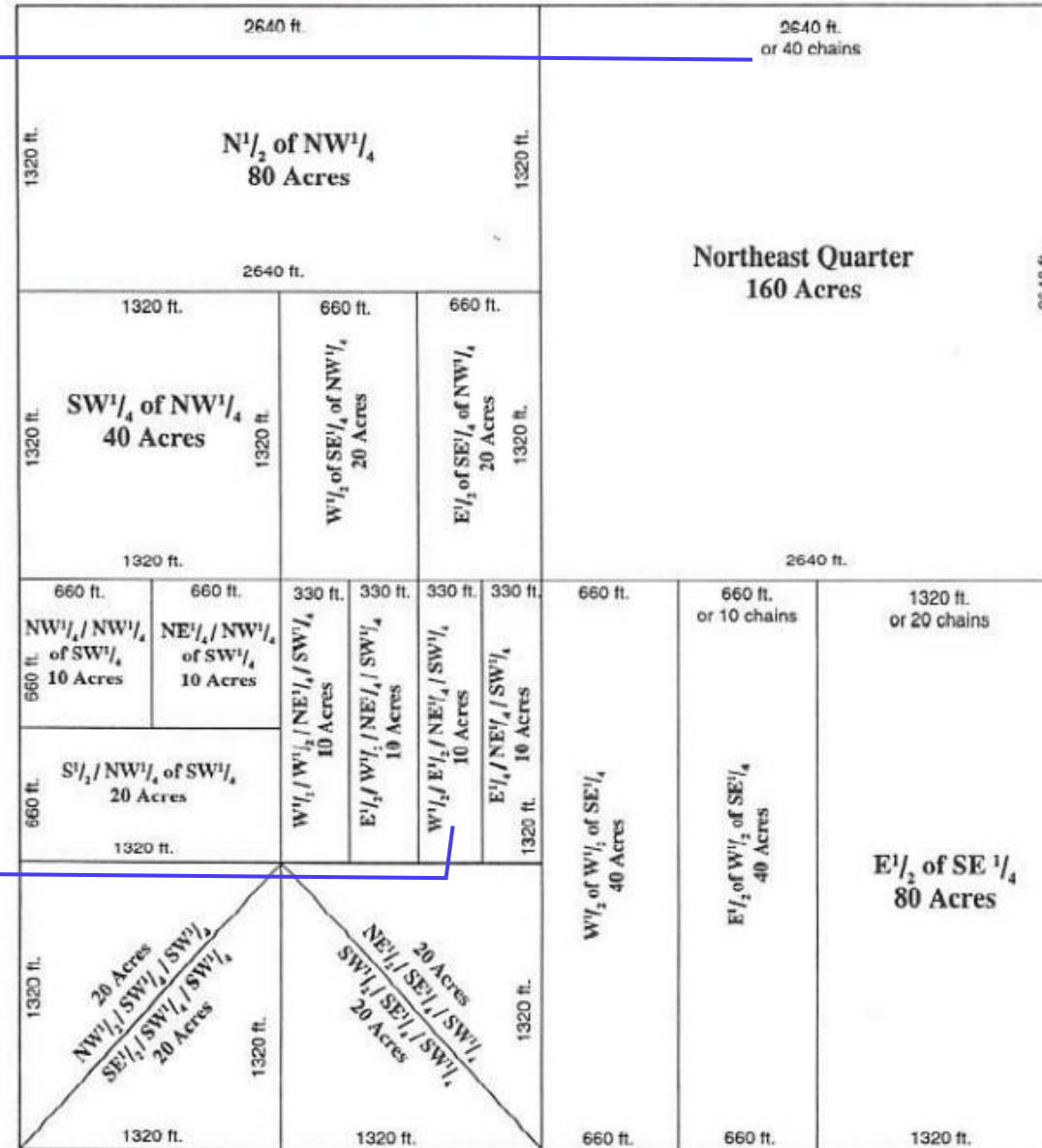
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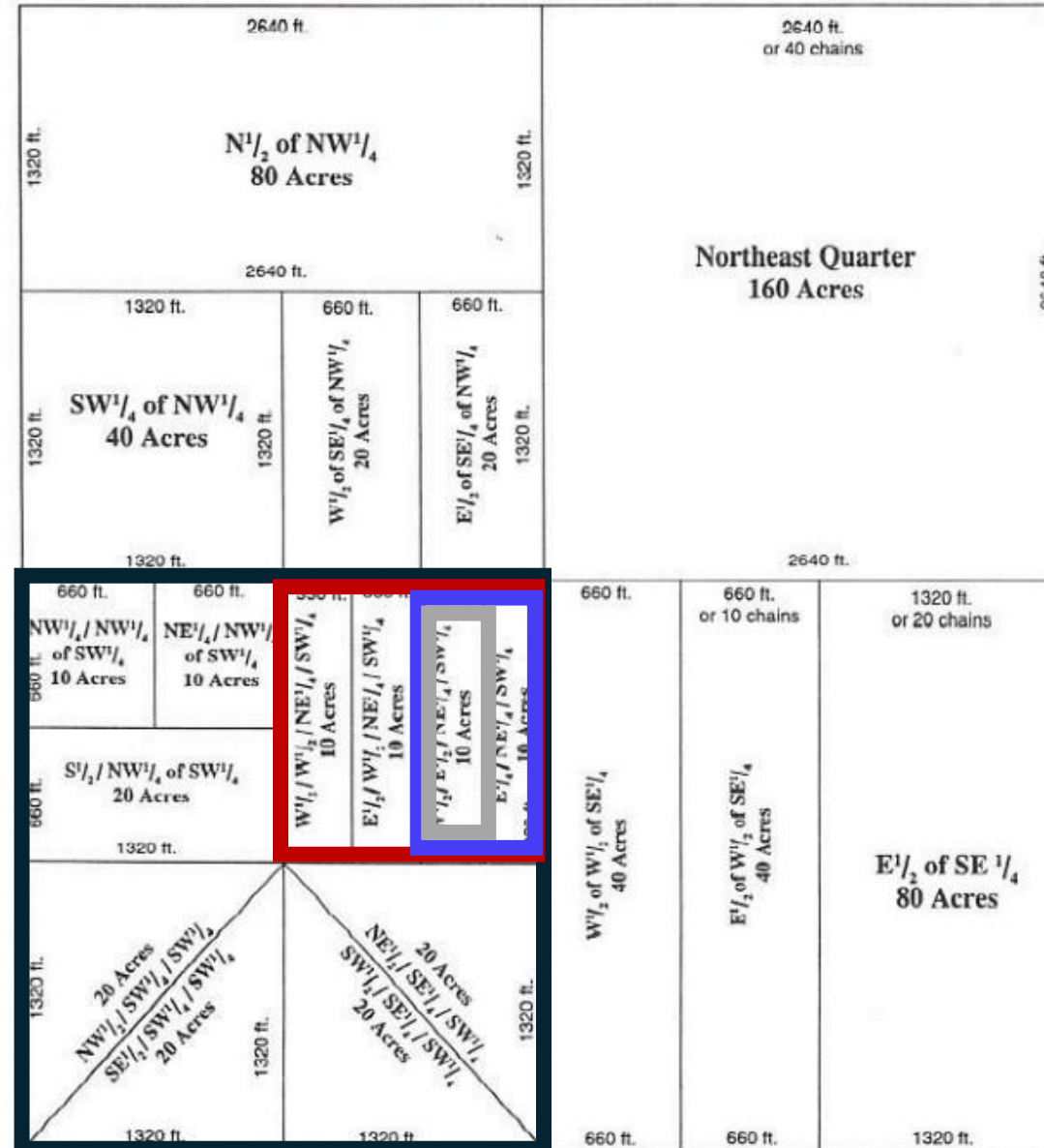


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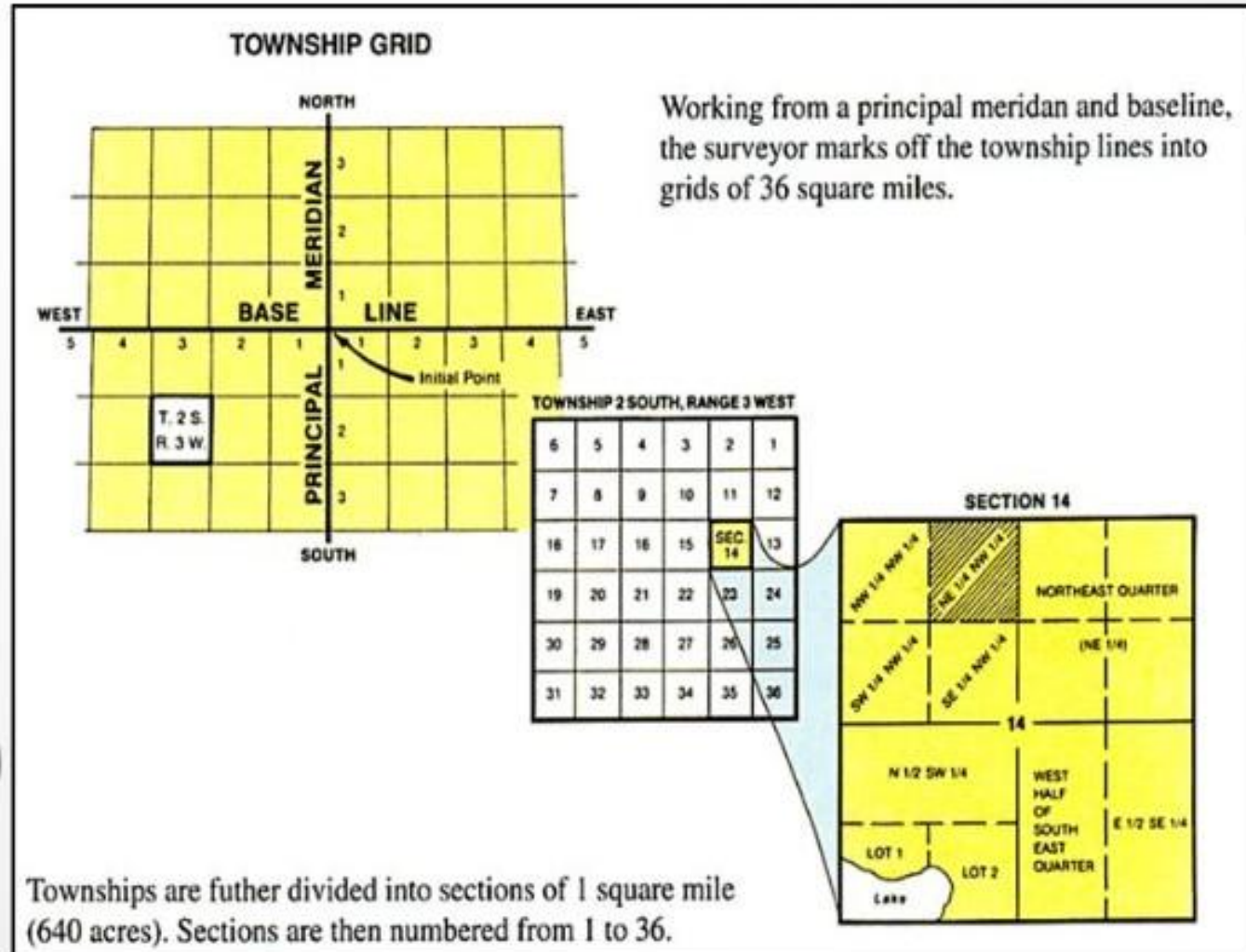


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The main map displays a red grid overlaying the state of Michigan, with various cities and geographical features labeled. The inset diagram, titled "TOWNSHIP GRID", shows a 3x3 grid with "NORTH" and "SOUTH" labels on the vertical axis, and "WEST" and "EAST" labels on the horizontal axis. The grid is divided into "BASE" and "LINE" sections by a vertical "PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN". A blue arrow points from the grid to a specific location on the map. A small table labeled "TOWNSHIP 2" is also visible.

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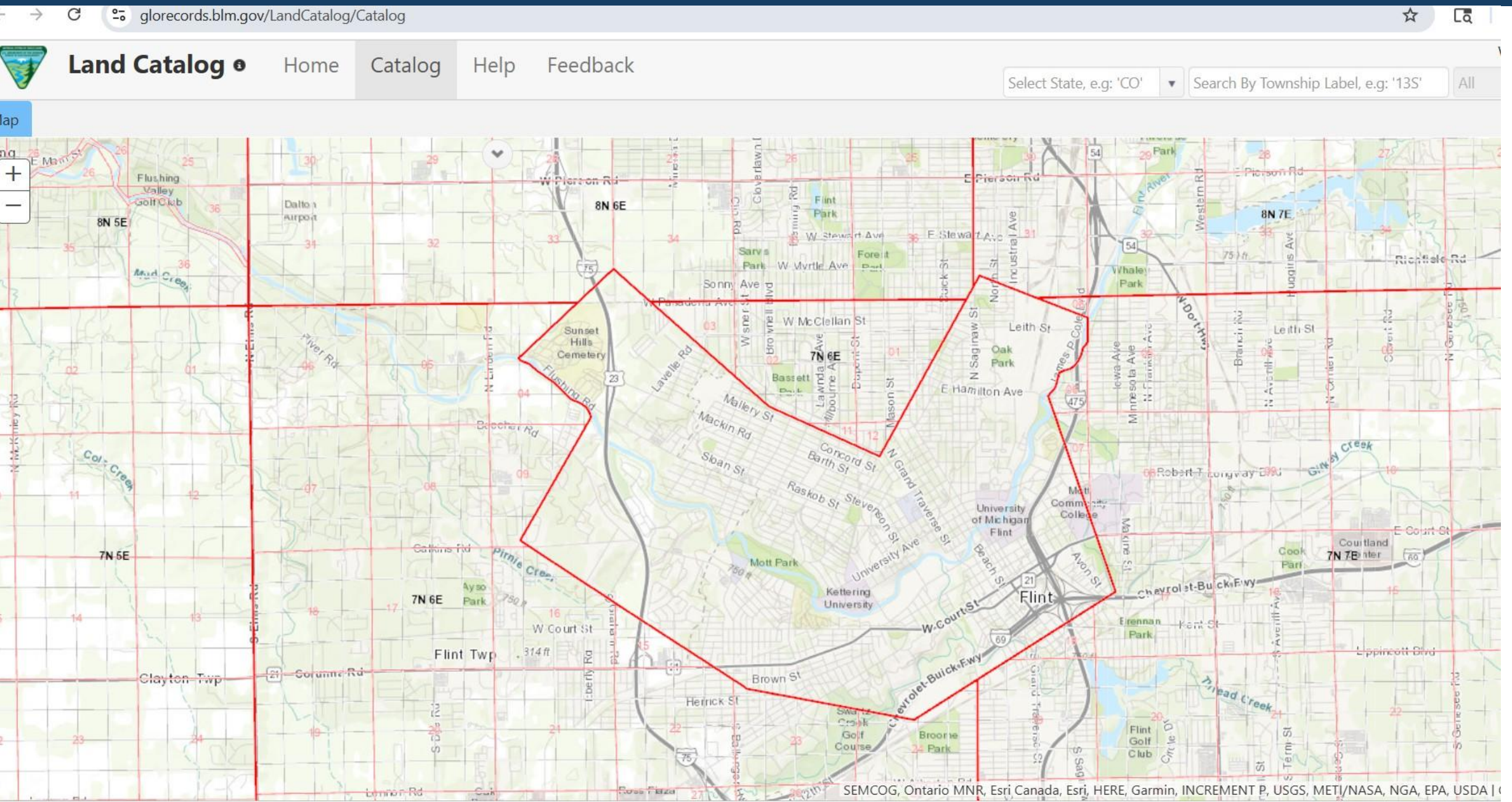
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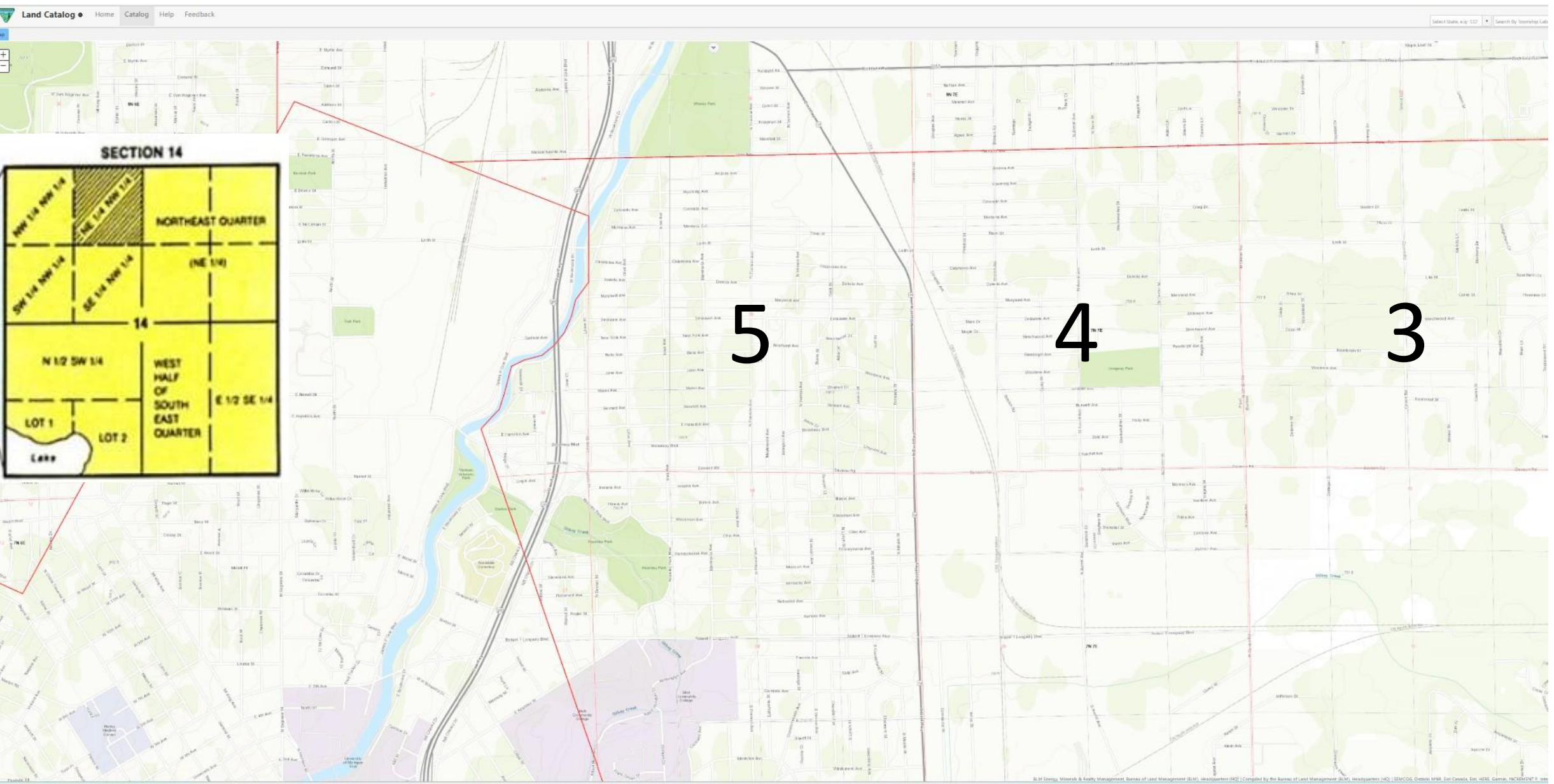
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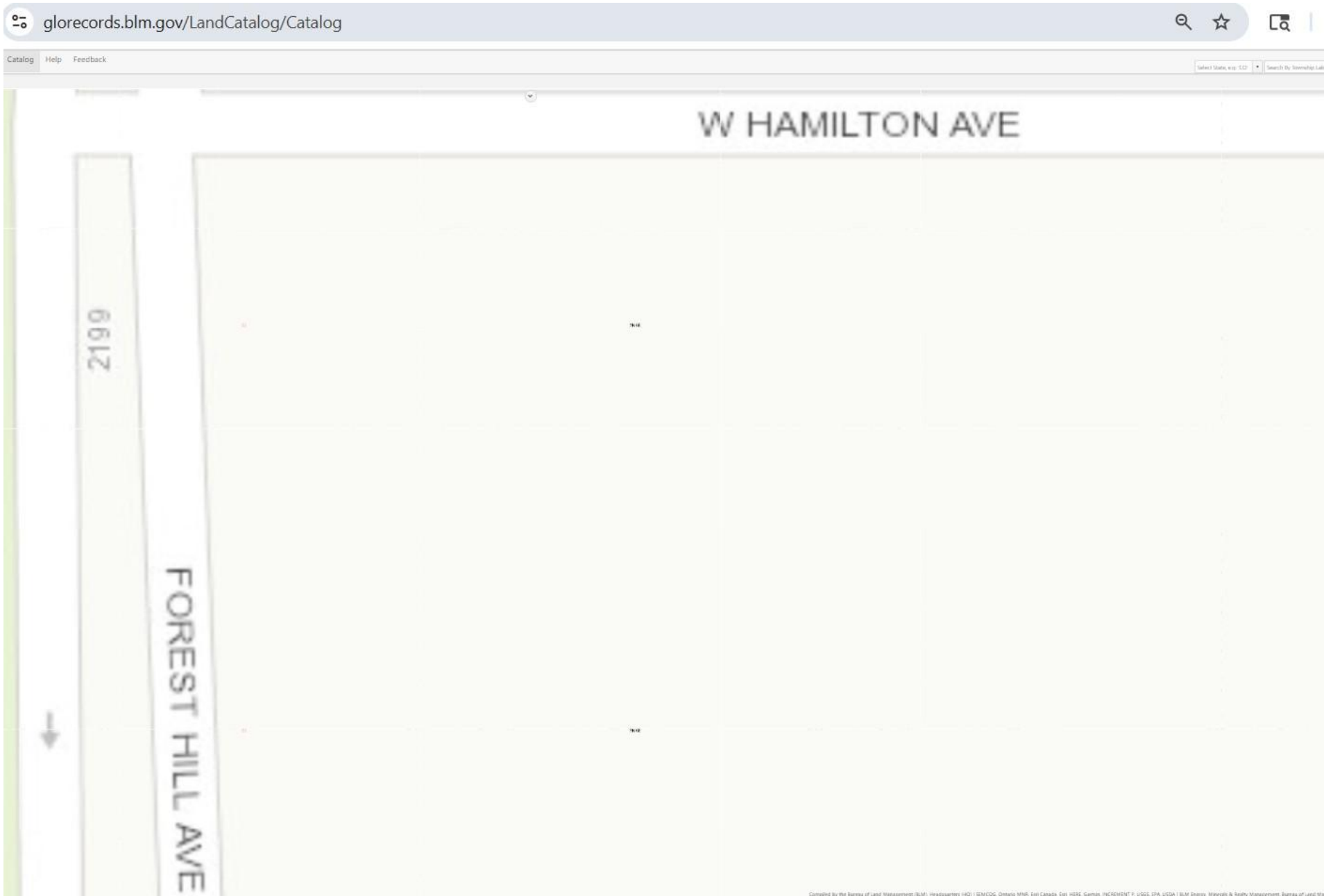
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















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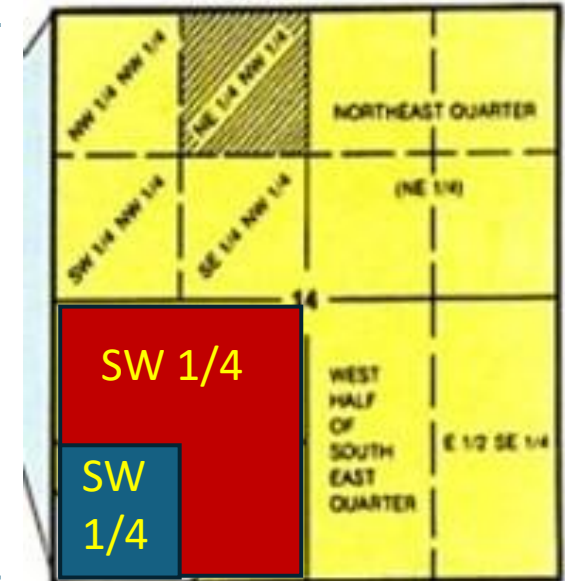
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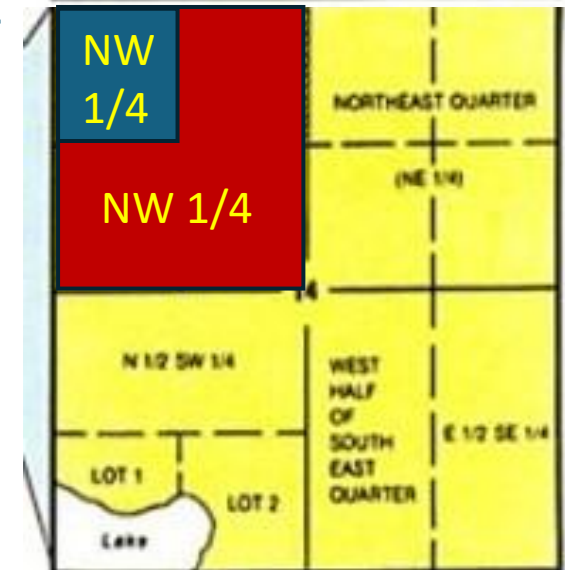
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