

# Placer Claim Layout Examples

### Aliquot Parts

Aliquot is a Latin word meaning to divide (a number or quantity, or in our case, a piece of land) into equal parts leaving no remainder.

In legal descriptions, only quarter or half divisions of a section of land are known as aliquot parts. An aliquot part is always described in relation to the four points of the compass, with the use of the standard compass abbreviations, N, W, S and E, as shown in the illustration to the right.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| $N\frac{1}{2}$  |                 |
| $NW\frac{1}{4}$ | $NE\frac{1}{4}$ |
| $S\frac{1}{2}$  |                 |
| $SW\frac{1}{4}$ | $SE\frac{1}{4}$ |

The  $\frac{1}{2}$  and the  $\frac{1}{4}$  are the only fractions that appear in the description of land by aliquot parts.

