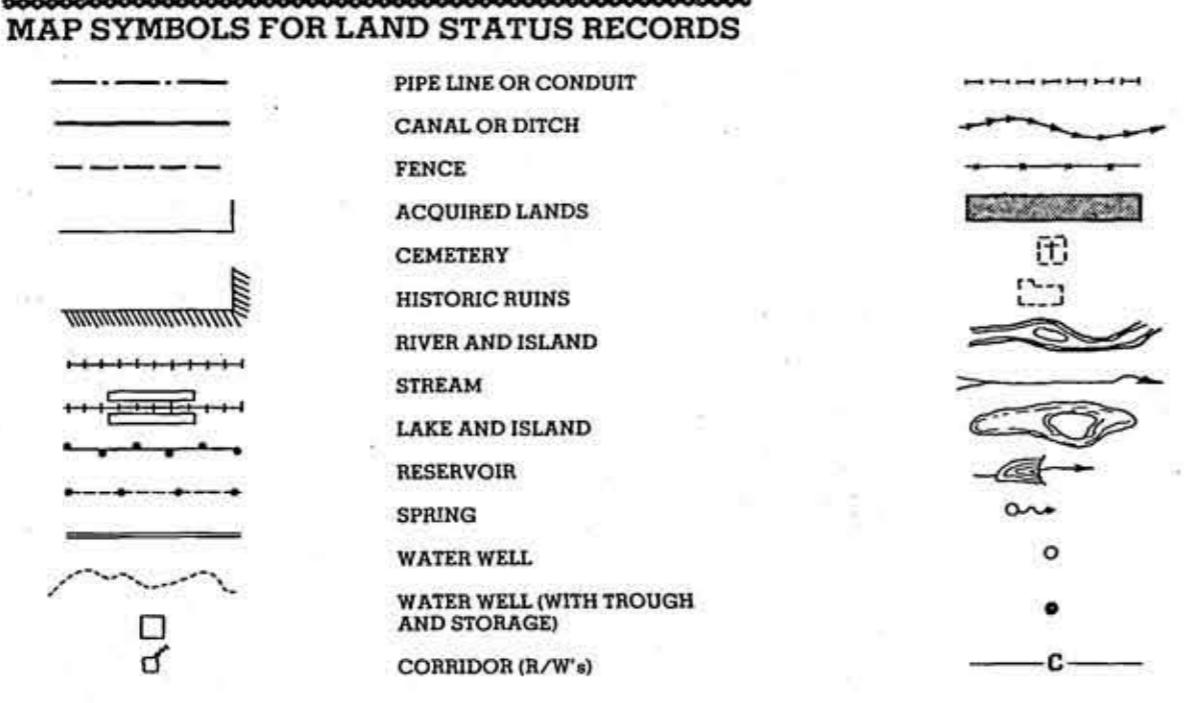


OFFICE RECORDS

Acquired	Acq	Identification, identity	Ident	Range	Range improvement	R
Act of Congress	A	Illustration	Illus	Range station	Rng Sta	
Additional homestead entry	AHE	Including, inclusive	Incl	Recipient	Recpl	
Additional stockraising homestead entry	ASRHE	Indemnity list	IS	Reclamation homestead entry	RHE	
Administrative site	Adm S	Indemnity selection	Indm	Reclassified	Reccl	
Agricultural, agricultural	Agri	Indian	Ind	Reconveyed	Recnv	
Agriculture Experiment Station	Agri Exp Sta	Indian homestead trust patent	Ind Ht Pat	Records Improvement Project	RIP	
Air Navigation Site	ANS	Indian reservation	Ind Res	Recreation and public purposes	RAPP	
Airport	Apt	Indian trust	Ind Tr	Recreation lease	Rec Le	
All mineral	All Min	Interior conveyance	ID	Reference	Ref	
Allotment	Allot	Interior Decisions	Ind Dec	Relief	Relif	
Assignment, assign, assigned	Assgn	Interpretation	Interp	Regional	Rgion	
Appendix	App	Isolated tract	IT	Registered and Received	Regd	
Application	App	Jurisdiction	Juris	Rejected, rejection	Rejct	
Appropriation, appropriate, appropriated	Approp	Known coal leasing area	KCLA	Relinquished, relinquishment	Relnq	
Approved	Apprv	Known geologic structure	KGS	Remarks	Rems	
At Administrator Order (s)	At Adm O	Known geothermal resource area	KGRA	Rescinded	Rescnd	
Assignment, assign, assigned	Assgn	Known recoverable coal resource area	KRCA	Reservation, reserved	Resrvd	
Atomic Energy Commission	AEC	Land Office	LO	Reservoir	Resv	
Authorization	Auth	Land utilization	LU	Resource Areas Headquarters	RAH	
Aviation lease	Av Ls	Latitude	Lat	Restoration, restored	Restd	
Balance	Bal	Lease	Leas	Restricted	Rest	
Benonite	Ben	Leasable	Leasbl	Revocation, revoked	Revst	
Black Hills Meridian	BH Mer	Letter	Lettr	Right-of-way	R/W	
Block	Blk	Lieu selection	Lieu	Road	Rd	
Boundary, boundaries	Bdry, Bdr	Location, locatable	Loc			
Bureau of Indian Affairs	BIA	Longitude	Long			
Bureau of Land Management	BLM	Secretary of Agriculture	Sec of Agric			
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-M	Secretary of the Interior	Sec of the Int			
Bureau of Land Management Order	BLM-O	Secretary's Order	SO			
Bureau of Reclamation	BR	Section	Sec			
Cadastral	Cad	Section	Sec			
Cancellation, cancelled	CC	Segregate, segregated	Segr			
Cash certificate	CC	Selection, selected	Sel			
Cash entry	CK	Serial Register	SR			
Certificate	Cert	Silver	Silv			
Chain chain	Ch, Cha	Simultaneous	Sim			
Classification	Cls	Sixth Principal Meridian	6th P M			
Color survey statement	Cl	Small tract	ST			
Code of Federal Regulations	CFR	Small tract classification	STC			
Color of title	C/T	Small tract lease	STL			
Commissioner of Lands	C/L	Small tract sale	STS			
Communication line	Comm Ls	South	Sod			
Communication site	Comm S	South	SD			
Communication agreement	Comm Ls	Southwest	SE			
Commodity pit	Commodity pit	Special Land Use Permit	SLUP			
Condemnation	Condemn	Special Director	SD			
Control Document Index	CDI	State boundaries	SB			
Corporation	Corp	State boundaries	SB			
Credit entry	Credit	State boundaries	SB			
Curative patent	Cur Pat	State boundaries	SB			
Competitive Oil & Gas Request	Comp OG Req	State boundaries	SB			
Deficiency	Def	State boundaries	SB			
Desert land entry	DLE	State boundaries	SB			
Designated, designation	Des	State boundaries	SB			
Determination	Det	State boundaries	SB			
District boundaries	District	State boundaries	SB			
District Office	D/O	State boundaries	SB			
Ditches and/or canals	D/C	State boundaries	SB			
Document	Doc	State boundaries	SB			
Donation claim	DC	State boundaries	SB			
Easement	Easmt	Temporary Use Permit	TUP			
East	E	Terminate, termination	Term			
Effective	Eff	Timber	Timb			
Elimination, eliminate	Elm	Timber cutting permit	TC			
Enlarged homestead entry	Enlargmt	Township	Twp			
Exchange, exchanged	Exch	Township	Twp			
Exchanges, exchanger	Exch	Township	Twp			
Excluding, excluded	Excl	Tract	Trct			
Executive Order	EO	Transfer	Trfr			
Expte, expired	Ext	Transferred	Trnsfrd			
Extended, extension, extend	Ext	Transmission	Trnsmiss			
Farm unit	Farm unit	Transpiration	Trsp			
Farmers Home Administration	Farmers Home Admin	Triangulation station	Triang			
Federal	Fed	Unappropriated	Unapprop			
Federal Aviation Administration	FAA	Understand	Undstnd			
Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation	FFMC	Undetermined	Undst			
Federal Power Act	FPA	Unit agreement	Unit			
Federal Power Commission	FPC	United States	USA			
Federal Reserve	FR	United States Air Force	USA			
Fifth Principal Meridian	5th P M	United States Army Corps	USAC			
Final certificate	FC	United States Department of Agriculture	USDA			
Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS	Power project	Power			
Fissionable materials	Fis	Principal meridian	PM			
Forest exchange	FLS	Private exchange	Prv			
Forest land selection	Frac	Proclamation	Prclm			
Fractional interest patent	Frac Int Pat	Project	Proj			
Free use permit	FUP	Protective agreement	Prctg			
General Land Office	GLO	Protective withdrawal	Prctg Wdth			
Geologic structure	Geol Str	Public domain	Publ Dom			
Geothermal	Geo	Public Law	Publ Law			
Grazing district	Gr Dist	Public sale	Publ Sale			
Grazing lease	Gr Ls	Public water reserve	Publ Wtr Resv			
Grazing license	Gr Lic	Purchase	Purc			
Grazing permit	Gr Per	Quarter	Quart			
Hall	Hall	Quitsclaim deed	QCD			
Headquarters site	Hq S	Railroad	Rail			
Highway	Hwy	Railroad indemnity selection	RRI			
Historical Index	HI	Railroad grant	RRG			
Homestead entry	HE	Railroad lieu selection	RRLS			
Homestead entry survey	HES	Railway	Ry			

MAP SYMBOLS FOR LAND STATUS RECORDS



The records in use in the Montana State Office consist of three elements: (1) Ownership, or Master Title Plat; (2) Use Plat; and (3) Historical Index. "Use Plat" is the label assigned to Master Title Plats which also show mineral leases issued by the Bureau of Land Management. This could be Oil and Gas, Coal, Phosphate, etc. Generally, there is a separate plat for each type of mineral lease and, therefore, it is possible to have, in some cases, two or more Use Plats for the same township. The title information on the Use Plat is identical to that on the Master Title Plat, the only difference being that the Use Plat will show leases for a specific mineral, whereas the Master Title Plat does not. Each township may have all three of the above mentioned elements and is complete in every respect — being able to stand by itself in terms of title, use and historical information.

Master Title Plat

The Ownership Plat, or Master Title Plat, as it is commonly called, shows the land which has been patented, the patent numbers, the reservations to the United States as stated in the patent, and the land which is still vacant Federal land — often times referred to as vacant public domain. Withdrawals, rights-of-way, national forests, Indian reservations, wildlife refuges, and other such similar reservations and actions are also shown. Lands which have been patented and then reacquired by the United States are shown on the records and are referred to as acquired lands. Acquired lands are those which left federal ownership by patent and later purchased back, for one reason or another, — land for which actual monies were paid by the United States. Land reconveyed to the United States as a result of exchanges are not acquired lands.