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“FROM THE CORNER”

One young man eagerly struggling to climb the corporate ladder kept viewing a large office next to his small assigned space and longed to enjoy its spacious exquisite office space with a panoramic view of the city. He recorded often that each time he passed the office the occupant was sitting in his chair and looking out across the city and apparently not working. With planned appropriate timing he reported his discovery of the apparent non-performance of its occupant, mentioned his own recent performance and requested to his supervisor his desire to move into the larger office, because “He deserved it”.

With a quiet response his supervisor said. “The other young man in that office has only been with our company nine months. Three months ago he was sitting in that same chair, looking out across the city and came up with an idea that made over \$1,000,000.00 for our company. As soon as you can do the same, I will be happy to move you into a similar office.

How valuable are you to your employer? Are you an **asset** or **liability**? Is there some way you could increase your value by reviewing how your work is processed? Is there a better way?

Perhaps the classes offered by our IRWA Chapter Instructors could be just the thing you need to help develop ideas and skills. For a list of the classes available, check the IRWA Website at www.irwaonline.org

Help a friend by taking time to explain to them the benefits of belonging to our Chapter.

I invite each member to ask your friends to join with us in our IRWA family.

U-CAN!

Gene S. Kammerman,
Chapter 45 - President





Please join us for our next chapter meeting!

- Date:** February 27, 2008
- Location:** Montana Club
4561 N. Reserve Street
Missoula, MT
- Time:** 11:15 to 11:45 AM –
Executive Board Meeting
12:00 to 1:00 PM –
Luncheon & Chapter Meeting
- Guest Speaker:**
- Robert Sanders**
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
- Topic:** “Conservation Easements, R/W Issues, and, “What is happening in Montana”

Please RSVP to Dee Oakland at 406-675-2939 by Friday, Feb. 22, 2008 if “U-CAN” attend!



WHAT DID I MISS?

Chapter 45 would like to thank Mr. Sam Milodragovich for being our guest speaker at the last Chapter meeting in Helena, Montana. Sam gave an outstanding presentation on birds and powerlines. We hope to have him back in the future!

ACCESS, COUNTY ROADS **By Bernard W. Lea, SR/WA**

The Public Land Access Association (PLAAI) has been in the business of preserving public access to public lands since the 1980’s. The Association has had several successes in keeping roads open to the boundary of the public lands, both Federal (Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management) and State of Montana lands. Each time we are successful, we add another right of way to be used for roads and in the case of utilities, a place to go overhead or bury power or gas lines.

One of the methods used to determine if an existing road is public or not, is to investigate to see if the road has RS 2477 status. If it does, this becomes a county road as soon as the County Commissioners acknowledge the evidence.

Now, what is Revised Statute 2477? RS 2477 was established as an Act passed by the Congress of the United States July 26, 1866, later codified at 43 U. S. C. 932.

Section 8 of this Revised Statute states: “Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That the right of way for the construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for public uses, is hereby granted.” 8 of the Act of July 26, 1866, 14 stat. 253, later codified at 43 U.S.C. 932. (See No. 4).

PLAAI has used this Statute to prove a road is a public road in 2 cases over the last several years, Washington and Jefferson Gulch roads in Powell County, the Bull Whacker road in Blaine County, and have filed the evidence for the Maybee road in Fergus County.

The purpose of this article is to remind those interested in acquiring rights of way for utilities, to check the status of any road they might be proposing to construct a power or gas line along to see if it is a public road.

If you have questions, contact me, or any member of our organization or visit our website at <http://www.plaai.org/>

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***CHECK OUT OUR NEW
CHAPTER WEBSITE:***

<http://www.irwa45.org/Home.html>

Picture of Sunset at the Pipeline Committee meeting.



UPCOMING

REGION 7 FORUM

The Region 7 Spring Forum is scheduled for March 28 & 28 in Anchorage, Alaska.

More information and registration forms will be available on the Region 7 website within a few weeks.

<http://www.irwaregion7.org/>

Until next time – peace and good health to you all!

Rona Sanchez
Newsletter Editor

