

PLS RETRACEMENT CAMP

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SCOPE: This intensive workshop is designed to give surveyors and attorneys an appreciation of the beauty, legality and strength of the Public Land Survey System of surveys. The time is equally divided between office instruction and practical field instruction and experience. From attending one will understand how and why the system was created, its history and the problems that will be encountered in retracing the system today.

DAY 1: I. HISTORY OF THE PLS SYSTEM

- A. The Important Federal Laws**
- B. Resultant Case Law; State & Federal**
- C. How Federal Statutes Have Affected Local Applications**

II. HISTORY OF THE PLS IN THE LOCALITY OF THE STATE

- A. Deviations From The Federal System.**
- B. Field Notes, Plats and their Application.**

DAY 2: I. METHODOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS

A. HOW THE EVIDENCE WAS CREATED

II. HOW TO RECOGNIZE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE

III. APPLYING THE RULES OF SURVEY TO THE GLO SYSTEM

IV. PLANNING A RETRACEMENT SURVEY

V. FIELD EXERCISE BY THE TEACHING TEAM ON RETRACEMENT PROCEDURES

DAY 3: I. ASSIGNMENT OF FIELD SURVEY TEAMS AND ACTUAL CORNER RECOVERY

II. DEFENDING ONE'S WORK AND CRITIQUE BY THE TEACHING STAFF

METHODOLOGY: Using team teaching at least two instructors will conduct this 3 day workshop. Overhead projections, instrumentation, and other physical demonstrations are used in the instruction.

The group is limited to a maximum of 35 attendees. These workshops are held in a rural setting where all students can live for the 3 days and meals are catered or provided. Boy Scout camps, 4-H camps or State administered camps are suggested.

This is a once in a lifetime experience and should be experienced by young and old surveyors.
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