



**MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF  
REGISTERED LAND SURVEYORS**  
**MGIAC Report**  
**September 25, 2025**

On behalf of MARLS as representative of the Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council.

Greetings,

MARLS is anticipating the grant funding for gathering of Public Land Survey Monuments. I would also like to point out that MARLS is super proud of the State Library and the State of Montana for implementing the collection of these historical monuments, I'm not sure of any other state that has this type of program.

We are thrilled on working with the Department of Revenue in helping to streamline the process of survey plats getting into the system, to update Tax parcels. We are open to suggestions of how we might be able to help with this process.

MARLS is having a Fall continuing education seminar September 26, 2025 at the historical Grand Union Hotel in Fort Benton. Followed by a fun Golf Tournament on Saturday.

We have many speakers line up for this seminar,

Chouteau County Clerk and Recorder will be presenting.

Jonathan Reis, PLS will be speaking on Public Documents.

Bill Weikel, ES, PLS will be presenting on the Mullen Road

Brian Thompson atty. Of Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry & Hoven, P.C. will be giving us a legislative update.

Karen Alley, Associate General Counsel for MACO will be speaking on the Impact on Upper Missouri v Broadwater County on Subdivision Review and Legislative Response.

MARLS has gone through a huge transition over the last few years since the passing of Kay McDonald our previous executive director. We have officially hired Tisha Stahly of 406 Land Services as our New Executive director.

We have also hired Andria Mastveltan as our bookkeeper.

Professionally,

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MGIAC Representative.