

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The International Right Of Way Association (IRWA)
And The
U. S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Purpose

This purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to promote greater coordination of efforts to improve the use and protection of the public lands for right-of-way purposes by providing high quality IRWA-BLM information exchange, public outreach and educational and training opportunities. The development of these activities will benefit BLM personnel, IRWA members, other professional right-of-way managers and the American public.

Specifically, the MOU is intended to facilitate ongoing and future IRWA-BLM activities designed to meet the needs of professional right-of-way managers and those of the interested general public. These activities include but are not limited to the identification of professional right-of-way management educational needs, designing educational resources to meet the identified needs, marketing the educational resources and conducting the necessary educational activities. Additionally, the MOU will facilitate the development of IRWA-BLM venues for exchanging information regarding technological, environmental and financial aspects of right-of-way management.

Parties to this MOU

Operating in the United States and Canada, the IRWA is a single corporation, with approximately 100 entities that manage and deliver high quality services. It provides professional right-of-way managers educational and professional services on a worldwide basis. The IRWA membership includes nearly 10,000 dynamic, dedicated right-of-way professionals that develop cutting-edge solutions to industry challenges through specialized education courses and seminars, a program of professional development, as well as thought-provoking forums for the exchange and advancement of ideas. Since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934, the IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward individual development, improved service to employers and the public, and advancement in the body of knowledge related to the professional tasks of its members.

The BLM within the Department of the Interior is responsible for management of 262 million acres of public land. Pursuant to Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, (30 U.S.C. 185), Title V of the Federal Land Policy and

Management Act of 1976, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 1761-1771) and a myriad of now repealed authorities, the BLM manages over 87,000 rights-of way. In total, these rights-of-way extend for approximately 425,459 miles, and occupy over 5,484,346 acres of public land. To manage these rights-of-way in a manner that accommodates the commercial interests of the holders and the public health, safety and environmental interests of America, the BLM has an extensive right-of-way management professional development program. This program includes but is not limited to the annual presentation at BLM training facilities of six right-of-way management courses.

BLM and the IRWA have co-hosted the Pipeline Systems Course since 1975. In 2003 the BLM and the IRWA determined it was appropriate to expand joint activities by entering into a MOU.

Mutual Goals and Responsibilities

This MOU will facilitate accomplishment by the BLM and the IRWA of the following mutually agreed to goals:

1. Identify the educational right-of-way management needs of BLM personnel, IRWA members, other right-of-way professionals and members of the interested public.
2. Design educational resources to meet the educational needs of the professional right-of-way manager(s).
3. Market the educational resources and conduct the necessary educational activities.
4. Facilitate the exchange of information regarding technological, environmental and financial aspects of right-of-way management by recognizing the importance of BLM personnel and IRWA member's participation in BLM and IRWA professional committees, meetings, educational seminars and conferences, workshops and conferences at local chapter and national levels.
5. Encourage the active participation by BLM personnel and IRWA members at BLM and IRWA annual meetings and conferences as speakers and provide opportunities for interaction with other professional right-of-way managers through exhibits and other means.

Authorities

BLM is authorized to enter into this MOU under Section 307 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1737) as amended.

The IRWA is authorized to enter into this MOU as approved by the IRWA Board of Directors in June 2004.

Amendments and Termination

The MOU will be reviewed on an as needed basis and be amended through mutual consent of both parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties prior to any changes. The MOU may be terminated by either party upon submission of a written notice.

Non-Fund Obligating Document

Each party will directly fund its own participation under the MOU. This instrument is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties will be handled in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This MOU does not authorize or obligate the parties to spend funds, even though the funds may be available.

Authorized Representatives

The respective parties acknowledge that each of the signatories are authorized to act on their agencies' behalf regarding matters related to this MOU.

Expiration and Renewal

This MOU shall expire in five years from the effective date unless the parties agree to renew it.

Endorsements

Nothing in this MOU may be interpreted to imply that the United States, the Department of the Interior, or the BLM endorse any product or services of the IRWA other than the jointly designed educational resources and services described in the Purposes paragraph of this MOU. Additionally, nothing in this MOU may be interpreted to imply that the United States, the Department of the Interior or the BLM endorse any policy of the IRWA and the IRWA will not take any action or make any statement that suggests or implies such an endorsement.

Principal Contacts

The following are the principal contacts for the BLM and the IRWA.

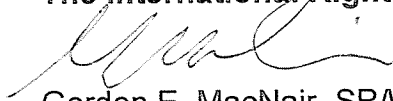
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU. The effective date of this MOU shall be the last written date below.

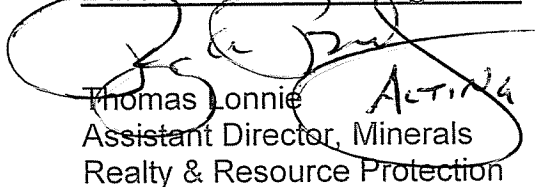
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