

# Montana Cadastral Working Group

August 17, 2022: 10:00 – 11:30 am

## Meeting Notes

**Attendees (19):** Jeff Hedstrom (MSL), Eric Spangenberg (L&C County/City of Helena), Chris Crecelius (Flathead County), Erin Fashway (MSL), Will Pedde (US Forest Service), Jeremy Grotbo (Butte-Silver Bow), Mike Powell (Yellowstone County), Brandy Holstein (DOR), Alison Kennedy (DOR), Michael Fashway (MSL), Kelly Helmer (Gallatin County), Dan Stahly (Stahly Engineering), Matt Bell (Montana Land Reliance), Brian Shaw (NOAA), Dave Ritts (Dept of Commerce), Aaron Vaughn (City of Great Falls), Matt Trebesh (MSL), Cheryl Hohman (Flathead County), Steve Varro (City of Kalispell)

### Cadastral Theme Updates

- Migrated ArcGIS Pro Parcel Fabric of the CadNSDI was received in May
- Hoping to resume CadNSDI Adjustments by September
- NAIP 2021 Imagery web service is now available

### Evaluating Areas for Adjustment Workflow

- Process if a parcel/PLSS alignment issue(s) is brought to MSL's attention
  - Having DOR/county evaluate the issue to determine if the area needs to be redrawn (Cogo issue) or if it's a larger issue with the PLSS
  - Is more mapping/survey control needed to fix the issue?
  - Adding areas to the map that we'll be redrawn in the future
- If PLSS adjustment is needed
  - MSL works with other partners to investigate existing control that may exist
- A centralized reporting system
  - Impacted agencies could maintain pending and current projects
  - ServiceNow in the future? Spatial component needs to be involved
- If additional control may be needed
  - Querying private surveying community
    - Simplifying the process in which data is submitted to MSL
  - Approach stakeholders about possible adjustment
    - MLIA grant funding available for eligible entities

### Tax Year Overview

- Purpose of a tax year
  - Date in time that Revenue assessing property
  - January 1 each year, beginning of tax year
- Current plats being filed fall are being evaluated in what tax year?
  - The following tax year
  - Ex: if a property in April 2022, it will be assessed in the 2023 tax year
  - DOR receives the new plats from County after filed
- Review of Tax Year Diagram
  - January 1<sup>st</sup> start of new tax year
  - Any documents/surveys filed by December 31 the prior year are put towards

- the new tax year assessment
- “Split” in DOR’s terminology is anything that changes either property lines, legal description or square footage
    - A retracement is considered to be a split
  - Ag enforced parcels take priority in a new tax year, to re-evaluate how that parcel is being used
    - A complex software is used to evaluate the productive on those parcels
      - Grazing, irrigated, etc
    - Ag run, the process of evaluating change against the previous year’s results
  - New parcel changes from previous tax year are started around July 1
  - Ag runs need to be complete before parcels changes are made
  - The no data parcel changes are if the data the split hasn’t been entered into the CAMA yet.
  - Analysts wait to into the survey into the GIS until after PVS processed the split
    - Which is part of the “processing lag”
  - Web services are 2 weeks behind due to Esri managing the services
  - Independent counties assign the geocode and get that information to DOR
  - Documenting the process so the public and others within GIS understand it better

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 19, 10:00-11:30am