

Surveying and Mining

This class will discuss a brief history of mineral surveys. Topics include:

- The history of the Public Land System
- How mineral surveys fit into it
- Gold rushes
- Mining districts
- State and federal mining laws
- Surface rights vs. mineral rights

Students will learn methods of performing surveys, the authority surveyors have, and survey integrity/fraud. Students will also learn to read mineral surveys, how to determine the point of beginning of a mineral survey, and how to do a mineral survey retracement, as well as resurveying and subdividing mineral survey patents.

Students are encouraged to bring actual county examples for discussion.

Instructor: John Russell, Russell Surveying, Inc.
Date: Monday, January 6
Location: Caribou conference room – Boise Hotel & Conference Center
Hours: 7