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Interest in the IBPEPLS Board Position

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BIOGRAPHY

I grew up in Troy, Montana. Troy is a small town located in NW Montana about fifteen miles from the Idaho/Montana state line. I attended public schools in Troy from K through twelve. I graduated Highschool in 1987 and went into the United States Air Force. After the Air Force, I went home to Troy in 1991. I worked in a local silver mine until it shut down in 1993 at which time, I decided to make a career change. In the fall of 1993, I started taking classes at Flathead Valley Community College located in Kalispell, Montana. I have been working in the surveying field since.

EDUCATION

**Flathead Valley
Community College
(FVCC)**

1993-1996

AAS Land Surveying



U.S. Air Force

1987-1991

Honorable Discharge



EXPERIENCE

While I was attending classes at FVCC, I worked for a local surveyor after class and on occasional weekends. I went back to Troy to work for a surveyor there during the summers. After, I graduated from FVCC, I went to work for a civil engineering/land surveying company in Cody, Wyoming. In 2000, I decided to move back to the inland NW and took a surveying job in Idaho where I have been working as a surveyor since. I received my initial license in Idaho in 2003 and my license in Washington in 2009. I feel truly fortunate to have had the opportunity to have been mentored by great surveyors in my career to include John Howe, PLS 832. John was also a mentor to Glenn Bennet and John served on the Idaho state board just prior to Glenn from 2004 to 2014. Throughout my career, I have had the pleasure to work on a large variety of surveying projects to include many boundary projects, large and small, to many non-boundary jobs. Even though I have been involved in surveying for thirty plus years, I take pride in understanding I will always have more to learn, and I can learn from everyone from our newest hire to the person who is about to retire or has long been retired.

DESIRE TO SEEK ANOTHER TERM ON THE IDAHO BOARD OF PEPLS

I hope with my background and experience of 5 years previously on the board, with the help of working with others, I can help make a difference now working with DOPL. I would certainly like to try. I do have concerns about where the direction has gone since the change to DOPL. While I am not opposed to less regulation as a whole and I believe there is always a need for change, I also recognize the value in some oversight to keep the professions accountable. I would like to think there is hope in the board of IBPEPLS working together with ISPLS, ISPE, ACEC, etcetera and with DOPL in making a difference in our professions in advancement towards protecting the public. I believe it will be key to work patiently with DOPL in hopes of them understanding the value of input from members of the board together with the state societies like ISPLS and ISPE. I have a good relationship with Tom Ruby as well as with other board members that were there when I was previously. I would appreciate the opportunity and for the support of ISPLS in being nominated for a 5 year term with the Board of IPEPLS.