



EASEMENTS:

What Legacy Are We Leaving?

Landowners

Association of

North

Dakota



About Our Theme

This year's theme was chosen with the specific intent - to make you think about easements and their future impact on land ownership and landowners.

Certainly no one complains about the easements that brought electricity and telephones to our rural homes. But could those easements impact our future? What happens if we no longer need land based telephone lines and rely strictly on cellular phones or other communications? Will those easements revert to the landowner or will the company continue to hold control?

When most farmers sold permanent easements to the USFWS, they thought they were selling only the right to wetlands when they were wet. They never dreamed that USFWS would claim control of all of the land in the quarter section. They saw the easement as quick money and didn't realize what problems they were leaving for future generations.

Decades later we are still learning about the ramifications of those permanent wetland easements and how to deal with them.

This program should help educate you about easements and make you think about the use of easements in a variety of situations.

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