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operate under for this particular lease carries restrictions in regards to length as well as rent. By law, the lease is non-renewable; it has to go out for bid every five years.

During the original process, Ouimet was the only applicant, but Rudolph said, in fairness, that other potential parties should have the opportunity to apply.

As County Administrative Officer (CAO) David Wilbrecht described the business as "an asset to the Town, community and ski area," but noted that the County, while sympathetic to the

uncertainty of Ouimet's position, is encumbered by its own legal constraints.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to address the substation lease this upcoming week during the afternoon session of its Tuesday Board meeting.

For his part, Ouimet feels he has been a good tenant, cleaned up the property, and has discouraged vandalism of County property (often stored or parked on-site) by his mere presence.

The County did take issue with Ouimet's taking up permanent resi-

dence at the substation, which violated terms of his lease. Ouimet acknowledges that he and an employee were living on-site, and also says the residency issue is something he'd like to see addressed in any future lease.

"You've got to have someone on-site. If you don't, and a dog gets loose, you're either gonna have a dead dog (the loose dog will use the opportunity to attack a rival) or a pregnant dog."

The uncertainty of the situation definitely has Ouimet feeling, well, unsettled, and an emergency County

inspection on July 28 (followed by a subsequent lockup of the building on August 7) has done little to assuage his fears.

"I don't want a fight," he said this week. "I'm just concerned about my dogs and my health (Ouimet had major shoulder surgery in July)."

Ouimet hopes that the County will ultimately see fit to extend him a new lease, in part because of the value they see in maintaining a unique amenity for locals and visitors alike.



Jim Ouimet.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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**AUGUST 26, 2009 at 2 P.M.
Minaret Mall, Suite Z**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Planning Commission is holding a public workshop to discuss the Main Street Neighborhood District Plan.

During this meeting, framework issues will be discussed as well as opportunities and constraints. As locals, we know that you have plenty of ideas. Please attend so you can share them.

If you can't make it, please consider participating online at www.mammothmountain.com/MainstreetNDP

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E-mail stacy@friendsoftheinyo.org for directions and details.




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