

Foresters to receive recognition awards

Updated Feb. 27, 2009—Members of the North Fork Landowners Association have voted to give thank-you awards to Mike Justus, Bill Swope and Mason Richwine for their work in implementing the fire-mitigation cost-share program.

Justus, a Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation forester, was instrumental in applying for the North Fork's original \$150,000 grant and in launching our assessment and cost-share assistance programs.

Swope, the Northwest Regional Resource Conservation and Development Council's lead forester, and forester Richwine have worked with North Fork landowners since 2004, performing assessments, developing treatment plans and entering into contracts for fuels reduction.

The awards will be conferred at the July 8 Inter Local Agreement meeting at Sondreson Hall, following a workshop sponsored by the Fire Mitigation Committee.