

A road most studied

The North Fork Road has been the subject of at least three recent research studies.

In 2007, the North Fork Road Coalition for Health and Safety commissioned Tony J. Ward Ph.D. of the University of Montana Center for Environmental Health Sciences to study and analyze air and dust samples collected at selected points along the road. See the **final study report** (*loads slowly*) and the **Power Point presentation** (*loads slowly*) of June 2008, when “The North Fork Road Ambient Particle Matter Research Study” was rolled out.

Also in 2007, the North Fork Preservation Association commissioned **a study by Shannon Donahue**, a master of science candidate at the University of Montana, titled “A Review of the Direct and Indirect Effects of Paving Flathead County Road 486, the North Fork Road.”

In 2002, the Montana Wilderness Association commissioned University of Montana graduate student Coleen Lux to prepare a study of the North Fork Road. **“The North Fork Road: Possible Maintenance Alternatives and Landowner Opinions”** includes results of a landowner survey, as well as road-use and maintenance-satisfaction data.

These studies are presented for your information only. Their inclusion on this Web site does not constitute an endorsement of their validity or accuracy by the North Fork Landowners’ Association, its officers or members.

For more about the maintenance of unpaved roads, also see:

- NFLA Road Committee member Margaret Heaphy’s talk with the **Alaska Department of Transportation** regarding gravel-road maintenance
- **“Control of Dust Emissions from Unpaved Roads,”** a report prepared by the University of Alaska-Fairbanks
- NFLA Road Committee member Margaret Heaphy’s talk with **Midwest Industrial Supply Inc.** regarding dust-abatement product recommendations and costs
- The Environmental Protection Agency’s **“Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance for Dirt and Gravel Roads”**
- The **“Roadway System Performance”** policy paper, issued by the Montana Department of Transportation