

## **North Fork Landowners' Association Road Committee Meeting with County Commissioner Jim Dupont**

*May 27, 2009*

*The meeting was held at Jim Dupont's office in Kalispell. Road Committee members present were Margaret Heaphy and Ed Heger. The following are the key points of the discussion:*

1. Jim is a member of the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) and stated that the county had received money from the RAC to improve the road base from Camas as far north to Polebridge as the funding would allow. The project was not funded to the full requested amount. The county may get an additional \$25,000.00 through Forest Service stimulus money. But that is not certain at this time. The Forest Service has agreed to let the county obtain gravel from their Demer's gravel pit. The county will contract with a local contractor to crush the gravel.
2. Since our committee last met with Jim in January, he has met with the National Park Service, Forest Service, Border Patrol and the Montana Department of Transportation. This was all in an attempt to find funding. Jim Lynch, from the DOT offered to help with equipment but did not have funding.
3. Jim wants to see the North Fork Road get a good base with some type of dust abatement.
4. He is proposing a local tax on motor vehicle registrations that would be about four to five dollars per vehicle. This could raise \$2,000,000.00 annually for the county. He hopes to put it to the voters next fall. The revenue would be earmarked for the road department.
5. Jim stated only 7 percent of the county roads have a major dust problem. With the extra money he hopes to acquire through the proposed vehicle registration tax, the dust problem on these roads could be addressed more aggressively.

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