

## **NORTH FORK LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION FALL 2014 ENROLLMENT LETTER**

Dear North Fork Landowner,

As the President of the North Fork Landowner's Association (the NFLA), I would like to take a few moments to introduce you to our organization and provide for you some detail on how you can join.

The purpose of the NFLA is to support the general welfare of the community of the upper valley of the North Fork of the Flathead River and to maintain Sondreson Hall, our community meeting place. The NFLA also hosts community activities and social events and supports committees and projects that focus on our beautiful valley and the people that live here. There are many opportunities for North Fork residents to get involved, to have fun and to get to know your neighbors.

Active member dues for the NFLA are \$15 per person for the period September 2014 through August 2015 and provide you with voting rights at business meetings and annual elections. The money collected from membership helps pay the taxes, insurance and maintenance costs of Sondreson Hall. Associate members are also welcomed and encouraged to participate by paying annual dues of \$10 per person. ***If you have already prepaid at last year's rate we would appreciate you submitting the difference as soon as possible. New for this year is the Assumption of Risk Form that we ask you to fill out and return.***

Detach and return the membership sign-up/renewal form below and the Assumption of Risk Form to join the NFLA. Please visit our website at [www.nflandowners.com](http://www.nflandowners.com) for more information on joining, activities, committees and our calendar of events. I would also like to remind everyone that membership dues need to be paid in full by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015** in order to receive a mailing of the Spring Newsletter which includes the community calendar of events.

I am looking forward to an active and productive 2015! ***Karen McDonough, NFLA President***

### **North Fork Landowners' Association Membership Sign-up/Renewal Form**

The North Fork Landowners' Association was founded in 1947. The Association owns Sondreson Hall at Whale Creek that serves as a center for business and social functions on the North Fork. **Only property owners of record, their spouses and adult members of their immediate families are eligible to vote.** Associate Members (non-property owners) may not vote. Annual dues for Active Members are \$15 per person; dues for Associate Members are \$10 per person. Dues may be paid by mail or in person at any NFLA meeting. **Additional contributions are welcome.**

To join the association or renew your membership, complete the form and mail it with your check to the secretary-treasurer at the address below. If you are unsure when your dues expire, contact the secretary-treasurer.

Name(s) of applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must be property owner(s) shown on deed, spouse, and/or adult member of immediate family)  
 Name(s) of non-voting associate members \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address (if new, or write "same") \_\_\_\_\_  
 North Fork property address (if new, or write "same") \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**I will access the newsletter and schedule electronically from the website. Please don't mail it.**  
*Even 50% of the members getting their newsletter from the website will result in a significant savings for the association.*

Please make your check(s) payable to the North Fork Landowners Association and mail to:  
**NFLA Secretary-Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 1603**  
**Columbia Falls, Montana 59912**

Voting members (\$15 per person)	
Associate Members (\$10 per person)	
Members additional contribution	
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>	

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DANGER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

By signing this document, I/We acknowledge the following provisions for myself/ourselves and for our minor children or wards for whom I/we am/are the legal guardian(s):

1. **NFLA:** The North Fork Landowners' Association is a non-profit corporation established in 1947 and formerly known as the North Fork Improvement Association,
2. **NFLA Calendar of Events:** During each year, the NFLA puts together a Calendar to inform its members of the date and time for events of which some are sponsored by the NFLA and others are events included for the information of the North Fork community.
3. **Hosts and Contact Persons:** Every event on the NFLA calendar has either a host or contact person who is a volunteer willing to coordinate that event. None of the hosts or contact persons for the outdoor activities is or should be considered to be a professional guide for such event.
4. **Outdoor Activities:** All NFLA calendared outdoor activities involve danger to a greater or lesser extent dependent upon such factors as weather, daylight, stability of terrain, the participant's good health and judgment regarding his or her ability to engage in the activity, preparation for the activity (including appropriate equipment) and decisions made while engaged in the activity. Accidents resulting in serious injury or death do occur during outdoor activity.
5. **Risks:** Risks inherent in any outdoor activity cannot be fully eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity, nor can risks be fully known. I acknowledge that river rafting, biking, hiking and other related activities as well as birding watching and picnicking and the like in the mountainous terrain of our North Fork area entail known and unanticipated risks that may result in physical or emotional trauma, injury, illness or paralysis or death. I also acknowledge that serious injury during an activity could result from the accidental or negligent action of another participant, including but limited to the host or contact person in the same activity.
6. **Assumption of Risk:** As to any outdoor activity in which I choose to participate, I assume all the risks associated with that activity. I accept the responsibility for the decision to engage in such activities as well as the decisions made by me during them.
7. **Cost of Injury:** I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury, illness or damage I may suffer while participating in this activity and, if I do not, that I agree to bear the costs of such injury, illness or damage myself. In case of accident, illness or other incapacity, I understand that I must pay my own medical and evacuation expenses, whether or not authorized by me.
8. **Law:** I acknowledge the content of The Montana Recreation Responsibility Act, Section 27-1-753, Montana Code Annotated which reads as follows:

*"A person who participates in any sport or recreational opportunity assumes the inherent risk in that sport or recreational opportunity, whether these risks are known or unknown, and is legally responsible for all injury or death to the person and for all damage to the person's property that result from the inherent risks in that sport or recreational opportunity."*

The laws of the State of Montana shall govern this Acknowledgement of Danger and Assumption of Risk. The venue for any litigation initiated by any NFLA member or other participant in NFLA outdoor activity, or representative of such person, against the NFLA, its directors or activity hosts or contact persons, shall be the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Montana. In any such litigation, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of attorney's fees.

9. **Emergency Contact:** I authorize the contact of my Emergency Contact identified in my application in the event of an emergency.
10. **Understanding:** I have read, understood and agree to the contents of this Acknowledgement of Danger and Assumption of Risk.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY:

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I /We am/are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for the following person(s) age 17 or under. I/We authorize the participation in NFLA outdoor activities for such person(s) and have signed this Acknowledgement of Danger and Assumption of Risk also specifically on his/her/their behalf.

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## \*\*\* North Fork Patrol Sign-up Form \*\*\*

We of the North Fork Patrol hope you return to the North Fork to find your place intact. If you find a problem with criminal mischief, theft or burglary, report it immediately to the Flathead County Sheriff's office at (406) 758-5585 and to North Fork Patrol Chairman Mark Heaphy (406-890-5043 or [m-mheaphy@hotmail.com](mailto:m-mheaphy@hotmail.com) ).

In addition to checking on properties, the North Fork Patrol also pays a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any wrongdoers on the North Fork. The Patrol is not a law enforcement authority nor is it a full-time security provider; it is a neighborhood service of volunteers helping to keep an eye on their neighbor's properties as best as they can. For additional information regarding the patrol, please see the NFLA website at [www.nflandowners.org](http://www.nflandowners.org).

\*\*\* The North Fork Patrol is asking for an annual donation of \$10 or more to provide funds for rewards and to compensate patrollers for gasoline and other expenses. To participate in the North Fork Patrol, please complete the **entire** form below and send a check payable to "North Fork Patrol" to:

**North Fork Patrol  
c/o Mark and Margaret Heaphy,  
11530 North Fork Road,  
Polebridge, MT 59928**

*(Please do not send the form and check to the NFLA Secretary/Treasurer)*

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\*\*\*I, \_\_\_\_\_, give the North Fork Patrol permission to enter my property to inspect the **exterior** of all buildings for evidence of physical damage or criminal activity. If any such damage is detected, it will be reported to the landowner. In cases of criminal activity where the landowner cannot be contacted, the proper authorities will be notified.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the following if new, otherwise write "same":

Property address and directions to property :

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Contributed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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