



Dear North Fork Landowner:

The sound of chainsaws echoing through the woods reminds me that the time has come to fill the woodshed and get this message off to the Editor for the fall edition of the NFLA Newsletter. If I see a snowshoe hare that has already turned white I know I'm late on both accounts.

With the fall newsletter also comes the reminder that now's the time, if you haven't already done so, to renew your NFLA membership. One of the highest Sondreson Hall priorities for 2023 is to once-and-for-all (we hope) vermin-proof the facility. Once the mice and bats are kept outside where they belong, we can begin to contemplate the task of finally installing the ceiling. All of this takes money, and your dues help support this twin effort. Special thanks are due to Dan Jacobsen for volunteering to take over the chairmanship of the Maintenance Committee and to past Chair, Irv Heitz for his effort and hard work to keep the lights on.

If you are thinking about using the Hall for a family gathering or other event, please be sure to consult the NFLA website for availability and to review the use and conditions guidelines.

And finally, a huge shout out to Zoë Zardis and Krista Johnson for volunteering to host the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Its On! Check the website for details and volunteer opportunities. Thanks too, to Mark and Margaret Heaphy and Jan Caldwell who will once again be hosting Christmas Day dinner at the Hall.

Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year,
Richard Hildner, NFLA President

Please check if you would prefer to receive future newsletters via email

North Fork Landowners' Association Membership Sign-Up/Renewal Form

The North Fork Landowners' Association was founded in 1947, and owns Sondreson Hall at Whale Creek, 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;** annual dues for these Active Members are \$15 per person. Associate Members (non-property owners wanting to support the NFLA) may not vote; dues for these Associate Members (non-voting) are \$10 per person. Dues may be paid by mail or in person at any NFLA meeting. **Additional contributions are welcome.**

To join or renew your membership, complete this form and mail it with your check to the Treasurer at the address below. All dues expire on August 31st of each year. Questions? Contact the Treasurer at nflatreasurer@gmail.com.

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 _____

North Fork property address _____

E-mail address _____ Telephone(s) _____

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

Active <u>Voting</u> Members (\$15 per person)	
Associate <u>Non-Voting</u> Mbrs (\$10/person)	
Additional contribution	
Total Amount Enclosed	

*** 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.

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.

*** An annual donation of \$10 or more will help 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:

**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)

***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 (please make check payable to "North Fork Patrol") \$ _____