



North Fork Landowners' Association Fall Membership Letter 2025

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.**

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) _____

Members (\$15 per person)	
Associate Members (\$10 per person)	
Additional donation	
Total Amount Enclosed	
***Online donate Button! (dues and/or donations) https://nflandowners.org	If you prefer to pay your dues and/or donate online, please go to our https://nflandowners.org home page. The Donate Button will be prominently displayed.



Please return above Membership form to **North Fork Landowners' Association, P.O. Box 1603, Columbia Falls, MT 59912**

Dear NFLA members,

As autumn settles over the North Fork and the foliage moves through a myriad of stunning colors, we're reminded daily of the beauty of this season and this place we call home. As I drove past the Hall yesterday, I noticed the flowers still hanging at the front of the hall and still looking colorful and well cared for and thought of the folks who watered and looked after those flowers over the entire summer. It's just one small example of the attention that our community members put into helping to preserve, protect, and maintain the special and unique character of the North Fork. I want to take a moment to also recognize and thank the dedicated volunteers who devoted their time and skills to further upgrading the hall, including rebuilding the back deck, adding a new enclosed storage area to the back porch, building a handicap ramp, and enclosing the woodshed with a sliding door. Their hard work has opened more space inside the Hall, making it an even better and brighter place for meetings, celebrations, and shared meals. We are always looking for new people to join the NFLA's volunteer army and to help with work projects and calendar events, so don't be bashful when the call goes out!

Speaking of calendars, check out the winter calendar included in this newsletter! With shorter days ahead it's a good time to stay active and get involved with the lively NF winter community! Whether its cards, bingo, skiing, holiday parties, or snowshoe softball, there's lots going on. And, as always, let's keep looking out for our neighbors as winter approaches—whether it's lending a hand with firewood, checking in after a storm, or simply stopping by for a visit. Together, we keep the spirit of the North Fork strong.

We are now busy planning for the 2025/2026 season, organizing interesting speakers for the NFLA monthly meetings, finalizing our budget, and considering additional improvement projects for the upcoming year. Also, this is the time for members to renew their membership in NFLA, which is easy to do through the NFLA website (www.nflandowners.org). Thanks to your membership dues, generous donations, and volunteer activity, the NFLA has been able to set and accomplish ambitious goals for Hall improvements and maintenance and create a full calendar of fun community events!

Whether you're a year rounder or a migratory NF'er who heads to warmer climes in the winter, keep active, stay healthy and enjoy the winter season and holidays! See you when our monthly meetings pick up again in June 2026.

Jim Rittenburg, President NFLA

*** 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 neighbors' 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:

Mail 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, these are separate accounts)



***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 INFORMATION, 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"** _____

NF Community Calendar Fall 2025 and Winter 2026

Printed Calendars will be available in the NFLA mailbox attached to the Rittenburg mail post at the top of Vance Hill. Any changes or updates will be posted on the NFLA website and the North Fork Residence Facebook page.

Ski and Tea, beginning January 2, 2025, Thursday afternoon Ski and Tea will be back by popular demand. Text Beth Ulrichsen 860-960-6103 to be placed on the text thread for meeting places, and routes.

***NEW! Last Friday Card and Games Night**, to be hosted in various homes. Text Lorna Rittenburg 267-992-0881 to be placed on the text thread for FMI (for more info) each month. Begins November, also posted on Facebook and NFLA website. Hosts wanted!*

Nov 28th, Thursday Sondreson Hall at 3pm	<u>Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner</u> Doors open at 3pm for social hour, potluck dinner served at 4pm. Turkey & Ham provided. Bring a side dish & <u>your own place setting</u> .	FMI & to offer help contact Zoe @ 406-955-1017
Dec 13th, Saturday 4pm Moose Creek, then head north	<u>Christmas Caroling</u> Come share your voice and help spread holiday joy to the community! Contact Karina if you would like the carolers to stop by your home.	Karina Pettey 406-890-5655
Dec 25th, Thursday Sondreson Hall at 3pm	<u>Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner</u> Doors open at 3pm for social hour; Pot Luck dinner served at 4pm. Turkey & Ham provided. Bring a side dish & <u>your own place setting</u> .	Organizer needed!!! Can you help?
Dec 31st, Wednesday Sondreson Hall at 8pm	<u>New Year's Eve Party</u> Dancing and music! Bring finger foods, desserts, and BYOB. Enjoy conversation with friends, music by Debo, dancing and... FIREWORKS at 10pm.	Liz and Max 404-216-6006
January 17th, Saturday Sondreson Hall at 3pm	<u>Special Potluck</u> More details to follow on North Fork, Montana Residents Facebook page and on the cover of the fall newsletter	Coordinated by Beth Ulrichsen 860-960-6103
January 18, Sunday Sondreson Hall at 6:30pm	<u>BINGO!</u> Come join the fun and play Bingo using our vintage ball cage and cards! Fun for all ages! Bring any unneeded items to donate to the "prize" table!	Kevin and Beth Ulrichsen 860-960-6103
February 1st, Sunday 2pm 1276 Long Bow Trail	<u>Snowshoe Softball</u> Spectators and players of all abilities are welcome. Followed by a potluck. Please bring any extra snowshoes.	Jim &Lorna Rittenburg 267-992-0881
February 8th, Sunday Sondreson Hall 6:30pm	<u>BINGO</u> Come join the fun and play Bingo using our vintage Bingo cage and cards! Fun for all ages! Bring any unneeded items to donate to the "prize" table!	Beth & Kevin Ulrichsen 860-960-6103
February 11th, Wednesday Location TBD, 10am	<u>Interlocal</u> Hosted by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. More info on the website. nflandowners.org as it becomes available	Bill Walker kwwalker@nvdi.net
February 14th, Saturday Sondreson Hall, 6:30pm	<u>Winter Ball</u> Put on your finest attire and come socialize and line dance, swing dance and waltz. All abilities welcome of course. Led by Debo.	Polly & John Preston 605-391-7131
February 22nd, Sunday Paradise Ridge 1pm	<u>Tobogganing on the Ridge</u> Spectators and players of all abilities are welcome. This will be followed by Chili, hot choc and Schnapps in the warming hut. Please bring any extra sleds.	John & Tammi Stone 406-405-5209
March 1st, Sunday Sondreson Hall, 6:30pm	<u>BINGO</u> Come join the fun and play Bingo using our vintage Bingo cage and cards! Fun for all ages! Bring any unneeded items to donate to the "prize" table!	Beth & Kevin Ulrichsen 860-960-6103
March 8, Sunday 1276 Long Bow Trail 2pm	<u>Snowshoe Softball</u> Spectators and players of all abilities are welcome. Followed by a potluck. Please bring any extra snowshoes.	Jim &Lorna Rittenburg 267-992-0881
March 14, Saturday Sondreson Hall. 6:30pm	<u>3.14 Pi Night</u> Bring a savory or sweet pie to share with friends and celebrate the Never Ending Pi	John Stone 406 405 5209
March 27th, Friday, Glacier Lanes, Columbia Falls 5:30pm	<u>Bowling at Glacier Lanes</u> Join the Fun, all skill levels welcome. Cost will be split among participants. Followed by Dinner after at Vaqueros for those who are hungry	Lorna Rittenburg 267-992-0881
April 19th, Sunday Sondreson Hall 6pm	<u>International Potluck Dinner</u> Bring a favorite dish from your family heritage, travels or NF Cuisine. Please bring photos (max 10) to share from an international adventure.	Rachelle &Ted Losey 909-754-4476



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Potluck Hosted by the Military, Held at Sondreson Hall



The North Fork community is invited to a special potluck event where you can meet the cadre of the 10th SFG(A) Winter Warfare Detachment and learn about our winter training programs. 10th SFG(A) Winter Warfare Detachment will be conducting winter training throughout the North Fork area from 17 January to 31 March to prepare our soldiers to operate in austere winter environments.

Event Details:

- Date: **17 January 2026**
- Time:
 - Meet and Greet/Food Drop Off: 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
 - Winter Training Presentation: 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM
 - Dinner: 4:00 PM onwards

Bring your favorite side dish to share and enjoy an afternoon of good food, conversation, and insights into our winter training operations. This is a great opportunity to connect with our team and learn how we prepare for the challenges of winter warfare.