

County pondering narrowing road south of Camas Creek

Posted March 2, 2009—At its meeting Feb. 20, the North Fork Landowners' Association Road Committee continued reviewing ways to better maintain the North Fork Road—including narrowing the southern portion of the North Fork Road to reduce maintenance costs, and a county cost-share dust-abatement program.

Under the cost-share program, Flathead County would pay half the cost of treating a given section of road, with landowners paying the other half. It costs about \$3,500 per mile to treat a gravel road with magnesium chloride, the longest-lasting dust-abatement treatment says county Public Works Director Dave Prunty. Prunty says there would be a half-mile treatment minimum. North Forkers should check the Daily Inter Lake and this Web site for announcements by the county about the program.

Prunty also has asked the committee to solicit landowner input regarding narrowing the road bed from 40 feet to 24 feet south of the Camas Creek junction to reduce maintenance costs and recycle materials from the sides to improve the surface. To comment, contact the Road Committee at **northforkroad@live.com**.

Also discussed at the Road Committee meeting in Kalispell were:

- Continuing research on alternative dust-abatement treatments
- Future meetings with Glacier National Park and Flathead National Forest officials
- Research regarding the value of the North Fork Road to the citizens of Flathead County.

For a summary of the meeting, **[click here](#)**.