

## **NFLA Weed Committee Update: RAC Grant Approved**

**Posted Nov. 20, 2009**—On Tuesday, November 10 USFS Weed Coordinator Tris Hoffman and NFLA Weed Committee members Valerie Cox and John Frederick presented a grant application to the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell. President Betsy Holycross attended to lend NFLA's support. The purpose of the grant is to accomplish GIS mapping of weed infestations and small pockets as they occur in the Forest/private land interface, on trails, and over closed roads, to mitigate weeds and replace them with native species on federal land, and to assist North Fork landowners with weed identification and knowledge of treatment options.

Hoffman praised the NFLA as an exemplary model of motivation and cooperative spirit. RAC member Larry Wilson echoed this praise. Our grant application is supported by the NFLA, the North Fork Preservation Association, the North Fork Compact, and the National Parks Conservation Association.

The RAC committee has notified us that the grant has been approved with no amendments or reduction in monies requested. A Weed Roundup to be held in the North Fork in July will kick off the project.

Our NFLA Weed Committee is made up of the following members: Valerie Cox, John Frederick, Will Hammerquist, Steve Weber, Annemarie Harrod, and Carol Vuchetich.