



National Forest Homeowners

Advocacy, Education & Stewardship
Strengthening the Cabin Program

NOMINATION FORM FOR NFH OUTSTANDING COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

This award may be presented to a member tract, a state association or an individual. The communication should be exemplary, inform and educate cabin users about current issues. Most importantly, the communication should foster a sense of community and cooperation, encouraging members to work together to enhance the forest environment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE AWARD? Any NFH member or member tract representative

WHO MAY NOMINATE? Any NFH member or member tract representative

WHAT TO SUBMIT? The completed questionnaire; a sample of the communication

AREAS OF INTEREST CONSIDERED IN MAKING THE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD:

1. Both informational and education items pertinent and timely to cabin owners
2. News updates
3. Availability, accessibility, readability, and accuracy
4. Variety of contributors
5. Appearance
6. Circulation

Please submit all entries to Sharon Leach, Executive Director, PO Box 55, San Cristobal, NM 87565 or email to sleach@nationalforesthowners.org. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY EMAIL OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31 ANNUALLY IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NFH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Date submitted _____

Name of communication _____

Type of communication:

Newsletter

Website

Other (please specify) _____

Nominee(s) name/address/phone/email/tract/National Forest _____

Nominator(s) name/address/phone/email/tract/National Forest _____

Please check the following appropriate items and add comments below.

1. How often is this communication published or updated?
 Quarterly Once a year
 Semi-annually Upon need
2. Is this communication available to and/or exchanged with other cabin owners?
 Yes How? _____
 No
3. Is the communication available to all permit holders within the group?
 Yes
 No
4. Is the communication shared on a regular basis with any Forest Service personnel?
 Yes
 No
5. Are articles or information about NFH included in the communication?
 Yes How? _____
 No
6. Are articles or information about local Forest Service activities included in the communication?
 Yes How? _____
 No
7. In what ways do you believe the communication serves permit holders?

Please check each item below that best describes the goals and achievements of this communication and add comments below.

1. Keeping members informed through articles that include or highlight:
 Minutes from leadership meetings
 Minutes from membership meetings
 Ongoing messages from officers
 Regular treasurer's reports to members
 Regular article contributions from Forest Service personnel
 Addresses cabin security
 Obtaining adequate firewood
 Becoming better stewards of the forest
 Local logging activities

- Local fire safe activities
 - Hazardous tree removal
 - Maintaining cabin access roads
 - Maintaining a secure source of water for domestic use
 - Getting to know local, state, national leadership
 - Other (please specify)
2. Educating members about current, pertinent issues:
- How the Forest Plan affects permit holders
 - Need to be involved in a process such as lot reappraisals where the results result in fee assessments
 - Importance of understanding Operation and Maintenance Plans
 - Need to be knowledgeable of and understand permits/licenses issued by Forest Service
 - Federal legislation that affects cabin owners
 - Importance of working cooperatively with the Forest Service
 - Understanding Forest Service experiences and how they affect the recreation residence program
 - Identifying other organizations which advocate for permit holders
 - Promote partnership activities and improve working relationship with the Forest Service
 - Need to involve permit holders when a response is required at a local, state, or national level
 - Issues permit holders face in other tracts and other states
 - Other (please specify)
3. Promoting local, state, and national membership and encouraging a sense of community by:
- Publicizing tract/state/national meetings and identifying issues to be addressed
 - Ensuring all permit holders' interests are represented
 - Publicizing and promoting social events
 - Showcasing the benefits of membership at the tract, state, and national levels
 - Other (please specify)

Please feel free to include other comments, additional pages, and/or letters of support.