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**2015 Sustaining Forests and Grasslands Award**

ODGEN, UT –The Upper North Fork HFRA Ecosystem Restoration Project members from the North Fork Ranger District, on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, in Idaho received the 2015 Sustaining Forests and Grasslands internal award from Intermountain Regional Forester Nora Rasure.

Recipients include:

Ken Gebhardt, Maggie Seaberg, Doug Leyva, Mike Smith, Dave Deschaine, Mike Helm, Larry Vogel, Pete Schuldt, Cammie Sayer, Ken Rodgers, Francine Smith, Blaze Baker, Sean Hill, Jan Spencer, Kristin Whisennand, and Lemhi County Forest Restoration Group (LCFRG).



John Goodman-LCFRG, Ken Gebhardt, Ken Rodgers, Maggie Seaberg, Dave Deschaine, Doug Leyva, Nora Rasure

The Upper North Fork Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) Ecosystem Restoration Project will conduct fuel and vegetation treatment activities across approximately 41,423 acres. Activities would include commercial harvest and thinning, non-commercial thinning, ladder fuel reduction, shaded fuel breaks and prescribed burning; meadow, aspen and white-bark pine enhancement; culvert replacement and riparian habitat restoration treatments. This complex and comprehensive analysis received much scrutiny over a 6-year period and received no objections after the Final EIS and Draft ROD were released.

For reducing wildfire risk to communities, restoring resilience to ponderosa pine, aspen and whitebark forests, restoring mountain meadows, protecting old growth stands and restoring fish habitat and passage in the Upper North Fork Watershed, the Upper North Fork HFRA Ecosystem Restoration Project members receive the award for Sustaining Forests and Grasslands. Congratulations!

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