



## News Release

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### **Plum Creek Awards \$4,000 to Thompson Falls Rural Firefighters Association, Inc.**

**KALISPELL, Mont.** – The Plum Creek Foundation recently awarded a \$4,000 grant to the Thompson Falls Rural Firefighters Association, Inc. to help purchase a new thermal imaging camera for the Thompson Falls rural volunteer firefighters.

The thermal imaging camera will help Thompson Falls volunteer firefighters identify fire temperatures, verify human presence in burning buildings through walls or under rubble, and help locate victims of vehicle accidents in wooded areas surrounding crash sites. The volunteer firefighters of Thompson Falls serve a rural area of 90 square miles and respond to a variety of incidents, including fires; vehicle, logging and equipment accidents; and rescue efforts for missing people.

“This equipment will help us provide better service to our community and help us protect residents and their property,” said Barbara Inman, of the Thompson Falls Rural Firefighters Association, Inc. “This Plum Creek Foundation grant will go a long way in helping purchase this technology, and will help us save lives.”

The mission of the Plum Creek Foundation is to provide philanthropic contributions to support and improve the general welfare of life in the communities that Plum Creek serves. The Foundation board meets quarterly to review applications submitted from organizations in the company’s operating communities. Visit the Community Involvement page on Plum Creek’s Web site at [www.plumcreek.com](http://www.plumcreek.com) to download an application.

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