

Spearfish Forest Products

2023 Community Impact Award Recipient

Sometimes an award is about more than the award. It is also a statement of support and an acknowledgement that a business and an industry is important to a community. That's what this year's Community Impact Award is about.

Spearfish Forest Products has a broad economic impact in not only Spearfish but a whole region itself.

They have been an active member of the Spearfish Chamber since 1991. They have supported different activities and Chamber events throughout this whole time. Employing more than 250 people in the area. Spearfish Forest Products is a family-owned, fourth-generation business with the track record of giving back to the community. They strive to broaden the practice of sustainable forestry by working with forestry association, public agencies, educators, and local communities.

In 2022, Spearfish Forest Products and the Neiman family donated to expand the Spearfish Rec Path right here in Spearfish. "The Neiman family have been such big supporters of this community," said Tyler Ehnes, Spearfish Parks and Rec Director during the dedication of the rec path. "The city thought it would be appropriate to recognize their contribution by naming the pathway in honor of their family and their business." The name of the pathway is The Sawmill Community Path.

In addition, they have also supported the Spearfish Food Pantry, youth activities, as well as other events in the community.

Spearfish Forest Products and the Neiman family are more than deserving of the award. Their fight to keep the forest open to timber production practices that support forest health is one that's important to our Western Way of life.



Presented by Thomas Worsley [right] with Monument Health, 2022 Community Award Recipient