

## **NIFC Nabs League of American Bicyclists' Award**

They like to bike at NIFC.

And a national organization, the League of American Bicyclists, recognized that by awarding NIFC a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Business recipient during the International Mountain Biking Association's meeting in Las Vegas.

"The Bicycle Friendly Business is making a difference for employees, customers and communities," said Bill Nesper, director of the Bicycle Friendly America Program. "NIFC promotes bicycling as a viable form of transportation and gives their employees choices and options that make biking to work easy and fun."

In particular, NIFC was cited as an example of "best practices and innovations in bicycle friendliness at the workplace. NIFC makes bicycling an easy option for transportation and provides amenities such as showers, covered bike parking and bikes for security patrols."

The bicycle shelter was an employee-driven initiative, after Tim Murphy, BLM Acting Assistant Director for Fire and Aviation, asked NIFC personnel for suggestions about how to improve the workplace. Murphy said supporting biking to work is good on several fronts – it reduces the use of fossil fuels, reduces NIFC's carbon footprint, and helps keep employees in good physical condition, which is important in the fire and aviation community.

About 30 people bicycle to NIFC during some part of the year.