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McFarland Cascade to participate with Thomae Lumber in Home Improvement Show
Decking experts to help consumers plan outdoor living spaces

At the Billings Home Improvement Show March 7-9, McFarland Cascade representatives will be on hand at the Thomae Lumber booth to help you plan this spring's decking project.

The 25th annual show, which features interior and exterior furnishings and home improvement products, is expected to attract more than 30,000 people to the new Expo Center in Billings at MetraPark, 308 6th Ave. N. The popular event has had the largest attendance of any home show in a five-state area.

StoneDeck™ as well as McFarland Cascade's Cascade Railing will be on display. Featured in Sunset Magazine in August of 2005 and 2006, StoneDeck consists of light-weight natural stone tiles backed with a high-strength composite that will install on standard above ground deck frames with no additional substructure required. StoneDeck can be used for an entire project or as an accent.

Cascade Railing is part of McFarland's premier railing products and can be used with many deck surfaces. The line includes five versatile design options with powder-coated aluminum balusters in black or pewter as well as clear safety glass. The do-it-yourself systems are easy to install. Some of the options include rails and others are balusters only.

McFarland Cascade's other popular decking products that will not be on display at this show include:

- **Extreme Tropical Hardwoods**—When nothing but real wood will do, McFarland Cascade's Extreme Tropical Hardwood line offer richness and durability that choosy customers appreciate. Their dramatic grains and distinctive colors can add value and elegance to any home, while their natural resistance to fungi and termites offer maintenance benefits.
- **Xtendex®**—A rice-hull-based composite that naturally resists insects and mold, Xtendex features the Quick Clip no-visible-screw building system. This wood-free choice is more stain and scratch resistant than most other composite options and installs in up to half the time. It combines principals of conservation with practical engineering and ease of use.

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- **RhinoDeck®**—Recognized as a quality wood alternative in the building industry, this composite decking system is comprised of 50 percent recycled high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and 50 percent recycled wood fibers. People who have used RhinoDeck have helped America recycle more than 1 billion plastic containers a year. It's splinter free, requires no painting or staining and installs like traditional wood.
- **DrySnap and Rain Escape**—Homeowners can maximize outdoor living spaces—even during rainy days—by transforming unsightly under-deck overhangs into dry and attractive usable spaces. Gain an outdoor living room or a dry storage space for lawn and gardening equipment, bikes, and more.
- **Royal Trim Board®**—Ideal for new construction and remodeling, Royal Trim Board is made of 100 percent Cellular Vinyl PVC™ to stand up to severe weather and harsh seasonal conditions. It also offers design versatility with unmatched Poly Select® surface durability.

McFarland Cascade products are available locally at Thomae Lumber in Billings and in Laurel. Thomae's knowledgeable sales representatives have worked in the building industry for many years. The store serves both retail customers and contractors.

For more information, or to receive McFarland Cascade's catalogue featuring its complete line of products, call (800) 426-8430, or download it online at www.mcfarlandcascade.com.

Admission to the show is free. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 7; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 8; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 9. For more information about the show, call (406) 259-3114 or (800) 303-3114.

At McFarland Cascade, the best outdoor projects start with the best materials. A manufacturer and distributor of pressure-treated lumber, composite decking and other products that are sold through quality retailers throughout the West, the company began as a producer of poles and pilings in Sandpoint, Idaho in 1916.

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