## 2008 Cooperator of the Year

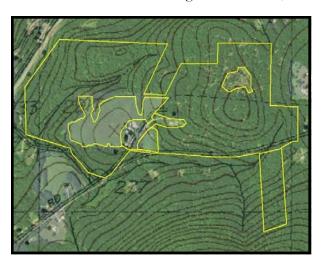
## Siegfried and Margritt Richter of Spofford NH

Each year the Cheshire County Conservation District honors an individual, business, or organization with a "Cooperator of the Year" award at the Annual Meeting. This is done to reward the recipient for cooperating with the Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to conserve the natural resources on their land. This year we are happy to announce that Siegfried and Margritt Richter are the 2008 Cooperator of the Year.

" Siegfried has lived on the property his entire life, and he and Margritt are active and eager contract participants and good stewards of the land"

- Wendy Ward, NRCS

Both Margritt and Siegfried have stewarded the natural resources on their property in Spofford New Hampshire for many years. They participated in two NRCS programs:Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program. The Richters have completed many conservation practices including managing for shrubland habitat, liming of fields, managing for early successional habitat for grassland birds, forest stand improvement,



forest trails and landings, and a forest management plan on 106 acres. Siegfried and Margritt have been active and eager contract participants and good stewards of the land.