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British Columbia Named Forest Capital of Canada

BC Forest Service Honoured for Rich Heritage and Commitment

The Province of British Columbia has been named “Forest Capital of Canada” for the year 2012 by the Canadian Forestry Association (CFA) in honour of the 100th anniversary of the BC Forest Service.

The naming of Forest Capital of Canada is a tradition that began in the 1970s and celebrates a community or a region for its connectivity to the forest. The Forest Capital of Canada program focuses on the valuable role forests play in the socio-economic and environmental health of our communities – past, present and future. Over the years, four British Columbia communities have been honoured: Prince George, 1981, Port Alberni, 1986, Chetwynd, 1992 and most recently the Cariboo Regional District in 2010 and 2011 for its proactive approach in seeking ways to support its forest sector in the wake of the economic downturn and the devastation of the mountain pine beetle epidemic.

The Province of British Columbia was chosen this year to celebrate the BC Forest Service’s 100 years of distinguished and dedicated stewardship including the protection, management and renewal of its forest resources.

“This year’s designation reflects the CFA’s goals of recognizing and celebrating our rich and colourful forest heritage and commitment to responsible forestry, integrating social, economic and environmental values into planning and practices for the future,” said Dave Lemkay, General Manager of the CFA.

The Canadian Forestry Association, established in 1900, is Canada’s oldest conservation organization. His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada is Honourary Patron of the CFA.

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