



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents The Prince of Wales Award for Sustainable Forestry to Elizabeth Wass of Prince George, BC

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Mattawa, ON – Thursday, October 7, 2021 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce Elizabeth (Liz) Wass, RPF of Prince George, British Columbia as the 2021 recipient of The Prince of Wales Award for Sustainable Forestry. The Award was presented at the 2021 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony held virtually on October 6, 2021.

“Developed by the CIF-IFC and the Duchy of Cornwall, and endorsed by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, this Award annually recognizes the achievements of an outstanding young forestry professional in Canada,” mentioned Mark Pearson, Executive Director, CIF-IFC.

This Award encourages the engagement in and dedication to the principles of sustainable forest management policy, planning and practice, sound science-based land stewardship, and public outreach/knowledge exchange focusing on the wise use and conservation of forests and the ecosystems that they encompass.

“Liz captures the intent of The Prince of Wales Award for Sustainable Forestry in every aspect,” noted Pearson.

As an environmental student leader throughout university, Elizabeth (Liz) was involved in several groups including the UNBC Forestry Club, the International Forestry Students’ Association and the Cariboo Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry. Liz also volunteered at the Willow River for the annual Walk in the Woods event and travelled to Uganda as a volunteer and agroforestry researcher. Upon graduating from the University of Northern British Columbia in 2018, she was the CIF-IFC Gold Medal Recipient for her class. All of these experiences helped shape the Silviculture Forester she is today.

Formed in 1908, the CIF-IFC is the national voice of forest practitioners and many others with an interest in forestry and forests. The Institute strives to provide national leadership, promote competence, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry/forest issues. To learn more about the CIF-IFC National Awards Program, visit: www.cif-ifc.org/national-awards

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