



**Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Canadian Forestry Achievement Award to Daniel Macmaster of Midway, BC**

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**Mattawa, ON – Wednesday, September 27, 2023** – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce Daniel Macmaster of Midway, British Columbia (BC) as the 2023 recipient of the Canadian Forestry Achievement Award. The Award was presented at the 2023 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony on September 25, 2023 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo, BC.

This Award recognizes individuals who have made unique and outstanding achievements in the field of forestry. It appreciates the value of consistent exceptional contributions made over a lifetime to the field of forestry in addition to singular momentous achievements. This Award has the objective of encouraging excellence in the forestry profession.

Since the beginning of his career, Dan has been passionate about the natural environment. As a former high-school teacher, he taught students about outdoor education subjects like biology and ecology. After teaching, Dan received a Master's degree in Sustainable Forest Management from the University of British Columbia and managed the forestry department at Vaagen Fibre Canada, a community sawmill in Midway, BC for 10 years. He is active on numerous boards. Currently Dan is the Forestry Manager for the Osoyoos Indian Band and manages a variety of forest tenures including the West Boundary Community Forest. Not only does he believe in the power of community and educating people about all things forestry, he believes in inspiring other foresters to take similar actions. Dan is also passionate about providing educational outreach opportunities to young students. He manages a local Outdoor Education Centre and is rooted in the belief that these learning opportunities are critical to the future well-being of community forests and the forest industry.

"Dan has an admirable influence towards the forestry profession and beyond, and is deeply deserving of this Award" mentioned Pearson.

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: [cif-ifc.org/national-awards](http://cif-ifc.org/national-awards)

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