



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Gender, Diversity and Inclusion Group Achievement Award to Canfor Corporation - Prince George Woodlands Division

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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 Canfor Corporation - Prince George Woodlands Division as the recipient of the Gender, Diversity and Inclusion Group 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, British Columbia (BC). Deborah Thompson, Canfor's Forestry Superintendent, was in attendance to accept the Award and provide remarks on behalf of the Prince George Woodlands Division.

This Award recognizes groups (including volunteer groups and/or organizations) that have made significant and outstanding contributions to advance gender equity, equality, diversity and inclusion in the field of forestry in Canada. This Award has the objective of encouraging the recruitment, retention and advancement of underrepresented groups in the forest sector.

"Canfor's commitment to create an increasingly diverse and inclusive work force is admirable," stated CIF-IFC Executive Director, Mark Pearson. "The Institute is proud to recognize the Prince George Woodlands Division for their important efforts."

Over the past 10 years, the hiring and promotion practices at the Prince George Woodlands Division have supported the inclusion of women and Indigenous peoples in the operational and corporate structures. Canfor's Prince George Woodlands Team is made up of 38 individuals - Registered Forest Technicians, RPFs, Foresters in Training, and support staff - all practicing in different facets and disciplines of forestry, 14 of which are women from varied ethnic backgrounds. In addition, Canfor's participation in a number of diversity initiatives, as well as implementation of broader diversity policies and tools within the corporation across operations in both Canada and internationally, clearly demonstrate a strong commitment to removing barriers to employment and promotion of equity-deserving groups.

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

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