2017

Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO)
Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management

Woodlot licensees are invited to nominate a fellow woodlot licensee, for a Minister's Award for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management. One woodlot licensee from each of the Coast, Southern Interior and Northern Interior regions will be recognized and awarded $2500. Of those three, the top performer will be selected and awarded an additional $2500.

The award criteria are described below.

ELIGIBILTY

To be eligible, a nominee must be a woodlot licensee who is not:

- A past recipient of a minister's award in the previous 3 years;
- A FLNR employee or direct family member of a FLNR employee;
- A director of the Woodlot Product Development Council or a director or executive member of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations.

In addition, there should not be any overdue and outstanding basic obligations; i.e. reforestation, slash disposal, road maintenance, etc., outstanding unresolved C&E issues, and/or outstanding financial accounts with the MFR of the following associated with the WL licence.

APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

- A woodlot licensee may be nominated by another licensee, their woodlot association, the Federation, Woodlot Product Development Council or Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO).
- Deadline: August 19, 2017.
- Written submissions are to be submitted to FBCWA General Manager
  e-mail: gen_manager@woodlot.bc.ca
  Mail: 381 Pheasant Drive, Williams Lake, BC V2G 5A9.

AWARD CRITERIA

Applications should consider, but are not limited to, the 3 areas listed below. Each section is limited to 300 words so please be succinct and to the point. Bullet points are acceptable! If required, the evaluation committee will request additional information.

Basic & Incremental Forestry

Describe how the nominee has met their basic obligations or achieved a higher standard of management for their woodlot license, including the private land. For example, you may want to list the nominee's successes regarding logging techniques, prompt reforestation, use of genetically improved stock, selection harvesting, use of natural regeneration, creating biodiversity, addressing climate change, doing a new inventory, etc. In addition, you should note the nominee's efforts and achievements in incremental forestry such as spacing, fertilization, pruning, and/or reclamation of non-productive sites (e.g. old roads & landings).

Sales, Marketing & Utilization

Describe the nominee's efforts to fully utilize the forest including the marketing and sale of woodlot products. Things to consider are operating their own mill, utilizing 'waste' wood, utilizing hardwoods, supporting the value-added sector, agroforestry, non-timber forest products, and carbon credits. Other things might include steps/initiatives taken to fully utilize the forest resource such as harvesting otherwise unavailable timber; e.g. steep slopes or on wet ground, innovative practices to access timber in public interface zones, etc.

Good Woodlot Citizen:
List the nominee's contributions to the woodlot program, their local community or the Province such as positions held with a local woodlot association, the Federation or Woodlot Product Development Council, chairing any committees or active involvement in the community such as educational tours, speaking presentations, attending events promoting the woodlot program. Describe any suggestions or changes the nominee has made to streamline woodlot administration; i.e. to reduce costs and/or workload.

EVALUATION
Applications will be evaluated by a committee of FBCWA and FLNRO representatives (TBD) with equal weighting being given to each of the award criteria - basic & incremental forestry, sales, marketing & utilization, and being a good woodlot citizen. Decisions by the committee will be final and not subject to appeal.