



2019 Minister's Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management

Woodlot licensees and FLNRORD staff are invited to nominate a 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 \$2,500. Of those three, the top performer will be selected and awarded an additional \$2,500.

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).

The deadline for nominations is Friday, August 30, 2019. Nominations must be in writing and address the award criteria listed below. Please send written submissions to:

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Mail: 381 Pheasant Drive, Williams Lake, BC V2G 5A9.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a nominee must be a woodlot licensee who

- has not been a recipient of a minister's award in the previous 3 years;
- is not a FLNRORD employee or direct family member of a FLNRORD employee;
- is not a director of the FBCWA or Woodlot Product Development Council; and/or
- does not have any unresolved C&E issues and/or outstanding financial accounts with the Ministry.

A woodlot licensee may not nominate themselves.

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! The evaluation committee will ask for more information, if needed.

Basic & Incremental Forestry

Describe how the nominee has met their basic obligations and achieved a high standard of management on their woodlot license (including the private land); e.g. innovative logging techniques, prompt reforestation, managing for other values, beetle/fire salvage and reforestation, creating biodiversity, practicing incremental forestry such as spacing, fertilization, pruning, and/or reclamation of non-productive sites (e.g. old roads & landings), etc.

Sales, Marketing & Utilization

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

Good Woodlot Citizen:

List how the nominee has practiced social licence, contributed to their local community, supported the provincial WL program, hosted field tours, promoted education, carried out fuel mitigation work, etc.

EVALUATION

A FBCWA committee will evaluate all of the nominations received before the deadline. Decisions by the committee will be final and not subject to appeal.