



2020 Minister's Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2020 Minister's Awards for Innovation and Excellence are now being accepted. The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 16, 2020.

This is your chance to nominate a woodlot licensee who you consider to be a good manager and worthy of being recognized!

A WL licensee from the Coast, South & North Regions will each be recognized and awarded \$2,500, with the top performer of the 3 being named as the provincial recipient and awarded an additional \$2,500.

Information about eligibility, award criteria and the application process can be found at www.woodlot.bc.ca.

For additional information please contact

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AWARD CRITERIA

The Minister's Awards were created to recognize woodlot licence holders who practice exemplary resource management, promote innovation, and otherwise improve and advance BC's Woodlot Program. A woodlot licensee from each of the Coast, Southern Interior and Northern Interior regions will be recognized and awarded \$2,500. The top performer of the three will be named the provincial recipient and receive an additional \$2,500.

NOMINATIONS

A WL licensee may be nominated by another WL licensee, WL Association, FBCWA, Woodlot Product Development Council or Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development (FLNRORD). A woodlot licensee may not nominate themselves.

Nominations must be in writing and submitted by 4:00pm, Friday, October 16, 2020 to:

Brian McNaughton, FBCWA General Manager

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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a nominee must:

- currently hold a WL licence that is in good standing; i.e. does not have any unresolved C&E issues and/or outstanding financial accounts with the Ministry.
- not have received a Minister's award in the previous 3 years;
- not be a FLNRORD employee or direct family member of a FLNRORD employee; and/or
- not be a director of the FBCWA or Woodlot Product Development Council.

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Applications should consider, but are not limited to, the 3 subject 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, prompt reforestation, manage for other values, create biodiversity, mitigate fire hazard, address beetles, practice 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 are final and not subject to appeal.