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Dave Bedford, founder of DWB Consulting, Honoured With Distinguished Forest Professional Award

Vancouver—Dave Bedford, RPF, founder of DWB Consulting Services, and resident of Lac La Hache, was presented with the Distinguished Forest Professional award by the Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABC FP) at its annual forestry conference in Nanaimo last week.

The Distinguished Forest Professional award recognizes forest professionals for outstanding contribution to the forestry profession and for furthering the principles of the Association of BC Forest Professionals.

“The nominations for Dave spoke at length of his about his integrity, professionalism, and dedication to doing the right thing,” said ABCFP president Trevor Swan, RPF. “This recognition of Dave by his peers for extended excellence over the course of a career is both humbling and meaningful to forest professionals responsible for caring for one of BC’s most treasured resources.”

Bedford began his forestry career in 1970, working in many parts of the province for both government and major licensees. In 1990, he founded what is now DWB Forestry Consulting Services which today employs 150 people. The company is known for its integrated one-stop shopping nature, employing professional foresters, forest technologist, engineers, biologist, and agrologists.

Bedford was involved in the Anahim Round table SRMP agreement; he has worked with government to develop and implement caribou management strategies in the Cariboo-Chilcoltin and developed and implemented local fuel management strategies in mule deer winter range and old growth management areas.

Bedford was one of five professional foresters with honoured with the Distinguished Forest Professional award in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the profession and furthering the association’s principles. Other winners are: John Drew, RPF, founder of Forsite Consultants; Diane Nicholls, RPF, BC’s chief forester; Cheryl Power, RPF, assistant manager and resident forester of the Malcolm Knapp research forest in Maple Ridge; and Kathryn Willis, RPF, consulting forester with Strategic Natural Resource Consultants in Campbell River.

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The Association of BC Forest Professionals is responsible for registering and regulating BC’s 5,500 professional foresters and forest technologists.

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