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Lillooet "has what it takes"

Lillooet organizers showed they can make things happen. They organized a title transfer ceremony attended by (left to right) IWA's Jack Munro; Lillooet's Ken Waite; Duncan-Cowichan's Mike Osborn; and Forests Minister Dave Parker.

"There's more enthusiasm, more people involved and more awareness" of National Forest Week this year in Lillooet, B.C.'s '1989 forest capital', says Ken Waite, NFW committee chairman and BCFS employee.

"It's really coming into its own, and its picking up all over the province. We want to keep forestry up front all year long," Waite said.

In Lillooet, NFW coincides with the opening of a new BCFS district office.

All Grade 5 students will tour the new building during NFW.

"We've tried to focus more on children," Waite said. "We will visit all elementary schools during NFW as well."

Other highlights include a pancake breakfast, mill tours, and a 'May Day' parade featuring 'old versus new' logging trucks.

During Lillooet Days in June, the forest capital will focus on forestry as a way of life, with displays, contests and other promotions.

Later in the year is the grand opening of a demonstration forest being developed near Marble Canyon. And a six-week woodwork display will be held at the Miyazaki Heritage House.

All over the province, NFW coordinators have received kits to help them with local publicity. The materials include feature articles, photographs, a cassette of prepared radio spots, activity sheets for children, and NFW logos.

Sponsored by FRDA, the Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement, the kits were designed to help coordinators "make it happen" in their districts.



'Forest capitals' special touch

In 1988, when an annual B.C. 'forest capital' became part of the National Forest Week celebrations, some strong, lasting threads were sewn in and around B.C.'s first 'forest capital': Duncan-Cowichan. And now, it's as if someone picked up the needle and thread, passed a stitch all the way to Lillooet, and continues to work on the colorful tapestry.

In reality, it has taken many hands, of all shapes and sizes, to get Lillooet ready for the celebrations this May 7-13.

It took just as many hands in Duncan-Cowichan to show the potential of a 'forest capital'.

Both communities were chosen, based on their previous year's NFW pro-

gram as well as their link to forestry and ability to carry out a year-long program of forest-related public awareness events.

NFW celebrations will carry a hint of nostalgia this year in Duncan-Cowichan. At this time last year, a hard-core group of about 18 organizers met over cups of coffee to make their plans work.

Mike Osborn, was in Lillooet last month to pass on the B.C. 'forest capital' title on behalf of the Duncan-Cowichan Forestry Capital committee.

He admits feeling sad, but says that the title was passed on with a lot of pride.

Lillooet will build on our successes he said, add a few little goodies, then on, and on...

Forest fire season starts

Crystal-balling the 1989 forest fire season which officially began April 15, depends on the interpretation of past seasons and the unpredictable weather to come.

Last year was a light year. But we don't usually get two in a row, says Colin Effa, superintendent, fire operations, protection branch.

"So we're gearing up to meet the fire season that could happen," Effa said.

To increase predictability, the protection branch monitors 225 weather sta-

tions' reports daily. When the information is computerized, staff can forecast fires more than a day in advance.

"We've come a long way," Effa says, "from the old ranger who would stick a wet finger in the air, rub his stomach three times and face east."

At this time of the year, most of the threat comes from people. So if you need to light an open fire, you must get a burning permit. And if you are going into the woods, be sure to contain campfires. To report a fire dial Zenith 5555.

Squads check logs

Nine special 'log squads' will randomly check timber marks and scaling requirements on timber harvested on Crown land in each region, to ensure that the province gets maximum revenues from its timber resources.

Timber marks carry important information, including the origins of harvested timber.

Scaling is the measurement of logs after they have been cut. The new squads will be checking these measurements, known as 'check scaling', unannounced.

The squads have been formed to deal with the risk of inaccuracy in this data which forest companies submit. It is used to calculate timber charges, as well as the depletion of the allowable annual cut.

The risk was indicated in the auditor general's report, tabled in the legislature recently.

The stakes are greater since higher timber charges, initiated in October 1987, tripled timber revenues to more than \$600 million annually.

Jobs in wings

A new \$5 million community forestry program could generate 750 short-term jobs for B.C. municipalities and regional districts interested in improving Crown or municipal forest lands in their area.

The province will pay up to 75 per cent of a project's cost, while local or regional government must provide at least 25 per cent. Federal job-creation programs qualify towards this share, but money from other provincial sources does not.

Projects primarily oriented towards incremental silviculture activities — to improve the immature forests' value and growth — are eligible.

Other forest-related activities, may be considered as part of a project.

Municipalities and regional districts are advised to contact their local forest district manager for more information.

Proposal packages will be available May 1, 1989, and project proposals must be submitted by June 1, 1989. Results of the proposal review will be announced shortly thereafter.

Reforestation highlighted

Nearly 1.5 billion seedlings will be planted on Crown land over the next five years — 300 million seedlings annually. In 1988, planting peaked at 200 million seedlings, three times the level of only 10 years ago.

This is the good reforestation news highlighted in the Five-Year Forest and Range Resource Program 1989-1994, tabled in the B.C. legislature recently.

A number of changes have been made to ensure that forests are renewed.

Although forest companies are now responsible by law for reforesting the areas they harvest, the provincial government will continue to honor its commitment to establish new forests on areas cleared by fire, insects, disease or areas that were not satisfactorily restocked after harvesting over the past decades.

Negotiations are under way with the federal government to renew the federal-provincial Forest Resource Development Agreement (FRDA), an essential component of reforestation targets.

The province wants a second five-year agreement, totalling \$700 million,

to reduce the backlog of not satisfactorily restocked forest land.

Other highlights of the five-year program are:

- sustainable development for the province's forest and range resources;
- a more diversified, competitive forest industry with expanding trade in world markets;
- a competitive ranching industry;
- a full spectrum of recreational opportunities;
- a cost-effective program delivery; and,
- an estimated annual sale of 10 million cubic metres of timber in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program.

It also states that the provincial allowable annual cut for 1989-90 is 72 million cubic metres.

Rare seeds collected higher up

Two foresters managed to get in, and get out of a two-week 'harvesting window' in the Sukunka Valley, safely, and with a rare collection of Englemann Spruce seeds.

Cal Wilson, resource officer, silviculture, Dawson Creek forest district and Hank Krawczyk, silviculturist, West Fraser Mills in Chetwynd, received the 'Annual Cone and Seed Award' for their high-altitude seed collection. The award was presented at the Regional Resource Officers Silviculture meeting in Prince George on March 15.

This seed collection will help replenish the BCFS's depleted stocks, and provide stock for West Fraser Mills over the next 10 years to reforest that geographic area, says John Mallett, operations manager, Dawson Creek forest district.

These particular high-elevation trees produce seeds about once every 10 years

and conditions have to be near perfect to successfully harvest the cones for extraction.

When conditions were just right, the foresters flew over the trees in a helicopter, and cut off the tops with hydraulic shears. When about seven tree tops were gathered, they were flown back to base camp to be harvested immediately by waiting pickers.

"The total cost of the joint-venture project was roughly \$61,000, shared equally between the BCFS and West Fraser Mills," Wilson says.

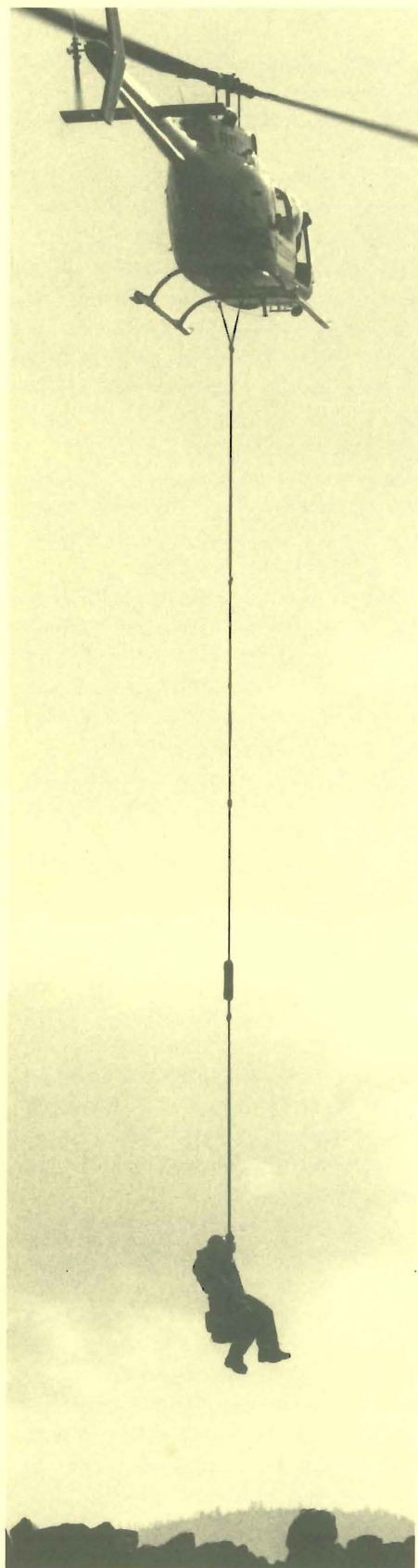
Mallett said the the joint-cost project, one of the first between the BCFS and private industry, reflects policy changes designed to promote greater cooperation in forest management.

— submitted by Paul Gevatkoff,

Dawson Creek district

— source: *Peace River Block News*

Real-life emergencies prompt rescue demo



Rescues that once took hours can now be done in a fraction of the time.

That's what BCFS and forest industry staff learned at a helicopter flight rescue demonstration by Pacific Granite Mountaineering Inc. in Powell River recently.

"It was only through two life-threatening incidents, in the last year and a half, that the need for the demonstration became apparent" said **Barry Miller**, resource officer, protection, Sunshine Coast forest district. Miller organized the demonstration to increase awareness of flight rescue availability and necessity to ministry and industry staff.

Both operated under the assumption that the Search and Rescue Agency (Ministry of Defense) handled all rescue-type emergencies.

Although Search and Rescue operates an effective and sophisticated rescue system using large rotary-winged aircraft, it has a mandate to serve the military first, then aircraft and marine incidents.

Until recently, Parks Canada was the main user of the services provided by Pacific Granite Mountaineering Inc. and Vancouver Helicopters Ltd.

The service is available via the Provincial Emergency Health Services.

Usually, within an hour of notification, rescue/para-medical personnel can be lowered onto a site from a helicopter using a fixed long-line. The injured person is then removed quickly. This greatly enhances the quality of care received.

Both companies maintain an ongoing training program, and are able to field the required number of trained personnel to meet most situations.

However, due to routine maintenance and other responsibilities, service may not be available at all times.

Everyone came away from the demonstration with a much better understanding of the responsibilities and capabilities of the agencies involved in helicopter flight rescue, Miller said.

Brazil VIPs eye B.C. fire suppression

Three Brazilian government officials visited the Abbotsford airport last month to learn about forest fire suppression.

"There's been a lot of interest in B.C.'s firefighting methods lately," said **Jim Dunlop**, director, protection branch.

Peru, New Zealand, Australia, and some European countries have also expressed interest.

Even the United States is borrowing fire suppression technology from B.C., Dunlop said.

Like most countries, Brazil does not have an official forests department or ministry. That is why officials from non-forestry backgrounds were sent to look at forest fire suppression techniques in B.C.

They were: **Romeu Tuma**, director general, federal police force; **Paulo Macalhaes Pinto**, director, drug enforcement, federal police; and **Paulo Maurico Astolpho** director, Sao Paulo airport security.

Although it was a short visit, protection branch staff communicated well with

the Brazilian officials through a sharp interpreter and visual displays.

Colin Effa, superintendent, fire operations, and **Steve Grimaldi**, planning, development and research technician, also guided the tour, along with Abbotsford provincial warehouse staff members, **Martin Hinnen** and **Neil Finlayson**.

The Brazilian officials also visited the Abbotsford-based Conair Aviation Ltd., which carries out all of B.C.'s aerial forest firefighting under contract.

Cool hoses until early June

Just in case you were thinking of attending the 1989 Fire Suppression Olympics in Lillooet this year, they will be held in early June, rather than on May 13 as previously planned.

Watch for more details in the May issue of the newsletter.

Issues



Jacqueline Verkley and Paul Nystedt, research branch, translate ideas into conference displays.

Clearcut harvesting in B.C. is not an easy issue. But despite obvious differences, 300 representatives from government, industry, and environmental and outdoor groups, spent an entire day listening to one another.

"I think we should take some hope in that," said Mike Halleran, narrator of *Westland*, the TV series which co-sponsored the conference with the B.C. Wildlife Federation, on March 11 in Penticton.

Gerry Still, manager, integrated resource management, research branch, attended as an observer.

He says that clear cutting is not an issue that is going to go away — and it's not going to be an easy process.

"People want to wrap it up in a box with a bow and say clearcutting is good, or clearcutting is bad. But it just doesn't work that way."

Four other research branch staff spoke at the conference.

"I chaired a panel on 'Clearcuts and Silviculture'," said Ted Baker, director. "It really should have been called 'Clearcuts and the Environment.' because clearcutting is part of a silvicultural system."

Baker said the high attendance at the conference — on a Saturday — was a

good indication of the level of concern about clearcutting in B.C.

In comparing the conference to similar discussions in the '70s, Baker noted that "we have come a long way in integrated resource management."

Steve Chatwin, forest hydrologist, discussed results from studies of the effect of harvesting timber on watersheds.

People who live in the province's drier areas, like the Kootenays, are particularly concerned about how clearcut harvesting affects community water reservoirs, Still says.

Chatwin said that annual water yield, and low summer flows, increase after clearcutting — even though clearcuts appear to be drier.

He explained that roads, more than clearcuts, affect the amount of suspended sedimentation in water. And because selective cutting requires more roads, it has a greater effect on sedimentation.

Andy MacKinnon, forest ecologist, focused on the use of the ecological classification system in determining what silvicultural treatments are appropriate; including clearcutting and slash burning.

He said clearcutting is often economical and provides an opportunity to use improved planting stock.

Clearcut Hal

Pieter Bekker, landscape forester, stressed the importance of esthetic values in B.C. and focused on the Kootenay landscape.

When tourists are asked what they like best about the province, the number one response is "scenery," Bekker said.

He pointed out that clearcutting can have a long-term impact on esthetics.

Referring to a door-to-door survey of people's perceptions of scenery, he said that most people could not distinguish between natural openings in the landscape and well-designed clearcuts.

But the shape of clearcuts was a major factor in esthetic ratings, he said. Most people did not like to see square or rectangular shapes on the landscape.

Bekker expects attitudes about landscape management to change, because the public is getting better informed and more knowledgeable. Although there is a cost to landscape management, it is outweighed by the benefits, he said.

The keynote address was given by Bill Young, president, Forest History Association of B.C.

He stressed the need to define clearcutting.

"The various sectors don't even understand each other's vocabulary," he said. "If they did, some of their points of disagreement would disappear."

He said concerns about clearcutting are often not about the harvesting system as such, but about the size of the harvested area, the amount of wood waste, esthetics, soil erosion, the harvest rate and old growth preservation.

Young addressed a commonly held myth that clearcutting is used only in B.C. He said clearcutting is the primary system in countries of the developed world. In Sweden, Finland, Norway and parts of the United States, clearcutting accounts for more than 90 per cent of the timber harvested. He said blowdowns and bark beetle infestations reduced the use of the single-tree selection system in B.C. timber harvesting history. This system was abandoned in Scandinavia even before

vesting

its use was reduced in this province.

Single-tree selection and clearcutting are both legitimate systems — given the right site, he said.

"We need to develop a forum for rational discussion and to develop respect for other opinions," he said. Instead, the "fortress mentality" is growing.

To the "militants" and "dinosaurs" in each of the three fortresses — environmentalists, industry and government — he said: "A pox on all your houses."

He called for the moderates to reassume control and work toward consensus through communication and respect.

Other speakers included: **Werner Kurz**, forest ecologist, UBC, who presented a paper co-authored by **Hamish Kimmins**, forest ecologist, UBC; **Bob Christie**, chief forester, Gorman Brothers Lumber; **Sharon Simpson**, Kelowna City councillor; and, **Peter Rennie**, landscape forester, Kamloops forest region.

They were on a panel that discussed the public's response to large clearcuts (an Okanagan case history).

A panel on 'Clearcuts and Citizen Concerns' featured: **Stuart Reeder**, president, B.C. Wildlife Federation; **Bruce Blackwell**, Federation of Mountain Clubs; and, **Vicky Husband**, Sierra Club of Western Canada.

Jean-Pierre Savard, biologist, Canadian Wildlife Service, spoke about forest birds and clearcuts.

Rick Morley, **Mike Fenger**, and **Tom Chamberlin**, Ministry of Environment; and **Charles Scrivener**, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; were on a panel titled 'Clearcuts and Other Forest Resources.'

Morley rejected the use of the term, "other forest resources."

Young closed the conference by saying we are lucky to be discussing things like "preserving genetic diversity."

It is already lost in many countries. We should see it as an opportunity, not as a problem, he said.

For further information or transcripts, please contact: Westland, Box 1090, Kaslo, B.C., VOG 1M0.

Women's programs going strong

Fresh ideas, hard work and more involvement have put the ministry's women's programs on a path of enthusiasm and action planning.

Regional and branch representatives, as well as a six-member steering committee are now in place, says **Charlene Levis**, committee member.

Last October, questionnaires were sent throughout the ministry to survey women's needs. Eighty-five per cent of those who responded said that they wanted to receive more information about women's programs.

To meet this need, a quarterly news bulletin was established and is already in circulation. It summarizes program activities like the *Taking Charge of Your Career* workshops, meetings, and offers tips for everyone on topics such as time saving.

The March 9 steering committee meeting in Victoria coincided with an International Women's Day event. It featured speaker **Sharon Wood**, the first woman to climb Mt. Everest.

"What she (Wood) said was really meaningful. Everyone can have a goal. We all have obstacles," Levis said. But Wood emphasized that you can stretch yourself and overcome them.

The women's programs' goal is to stay positive and professional.

Regional members also attended the March meeting and were "really wowed," says **Joan McCorry**, communications coordinator.

"They found out we were actually doing something," she said. "And it's something they can be involved in."

Representatives in the regions are: **Linda Alexander**, Cariboo; **Linda Hendrikson** and **Dene Patey**, Kamloops; **Marjorie Bailey**, Nelson; **Marilyn Stewart**, Prince Rupert; **Nancy Stewart**, Vancouver; and **Esther Soles**, Prince George.

Branch representatives include: **Jackie Henderson**, audit services; **Jackie Morrissey**, public affairs; **Maureen Yelovatz**, executive; **David Marson**, financial services; **Jocelyn vanden Dungen**, human resources; **Marilyn Gravel**, information systems; **Jack Biickert**, integrated resources; **Lois Dellert**, inventory; **Marlene Eddy**, protection; **Kathi Mitchell**, silviculture; **Joan McCorry**, technical and administrative services.

The steering committee members are: **Harry Powell**, **Charlene Levis**, human resources; **Blanche Congdon**, executive; **Lois Dellert**, inventory; **Joan McCorry**, technical and administrative services; and **Dave Ranson**, information systems.

Dealing with 'realities' in a crisis

During a crisis, there are two realities: what is happening inside an organization during the crisis; and, the public perception of what is occurring.

A new handbook, in the growing field of crisis communications management, addresses the concerns of managers who must deal with them.

The handbook, *No Surprises: The Crisis Communications Management System*, is one of the first Canadian books on crisis communications, states **Dr. David W. Bell**, director general, public affairs, Transportation Canada, in his review of the book for *Emergency Preparedness Digest*.

The manual uses a step-by-step ap-

proach to developing a crisis communications program and is useful for persons at all levels, Bell explains.

The three authors, **Bart J. Mindszenty**, **T.A.G. Watson**, and **William J. Koch**, have practical experience in managing crises, Bell states in his review.

The "afterword," presented by **Derrick de Kerkhove** of the University of Toronto's McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology, highlights an often overlooked point: change in our world is inevitable and a crisis provides the opportunity for change.

— source: *Emergency Preparedness Digest*

Branch staff put heads together

To come up with a solution, you must have a problem.

Silviculture had the problem and **Darrell Errico**, forest management research leader, found the solution.

PROBLEM: Nurseries must make cost-effective selections, from a long list of contractors, for shipping seedlings along 100 or so routes between field or storage facilities and the nurseries.

SOLUTION: Determine the routes which are most cost-effective.

To do this, Errico wrote a computer program to find out all the possible combinations and came up with a ranked list of shippers.

For the last two years, nurseries have benefited from this project. They were able to award contracts by identifying the minimum cost options, and they saved \$300,000 per year.

Fate of herbicides

Pierre Beaudry's *Operational Summary of FRDA: The fate of herbicides in the forest environment*, is now available.

The target audience of the publication is field foresters, who want to know more about the fate of herbicides.

The objective of the summary is to inform foresters about:

- how different environmental properties, such as climate, soils and site, affect the fate of forest herbicides;
- the environmental properties of the following herbicides: Vision; 2,4-D; Velpar; and, Garson 4. These environmental properties include the fate of herbicides in soil and water, and the impact on non-target organisms.

The operational summary reviews the processes and importance of such concepts as:

- fate of herbicides in soil and water;
- routes of entry into aquatic environments;
- bioaccumulation; and,
- risk management.

Copies are available from: **Jacob Boateng**, silviculture branch, phone: 387-8905.

New office pleasant change

Compliments on the new Clearwater district office could be heard over the shuffle of more than 200 visitors who toured the building during an open house which was held on March 14.

About 60 people attended the formal ceremonies, with **Mel Monteith**, district manager, presiding.

Mike Wilkins, executive director, operations; **Peter Levy**, regional manager, Kamloops; and **Paul Casey**, director, Thompson-Nicola Regional District, focused their presentations on BCFS's continued presence in the area.

Koksilah sold

The Koksilah forest nursery near Duncan has been sold to **Odin Industries Ltd.** Twenty four of the nursery's 26 employees have accepted offers to work for the firm and they will be offered a share ownership plan.

One employee retired and the other will remain with the provincial government.

Odin, which bought the nursery for \$625,000, is already involved in high-technology products, like a special computer modem which automatically sends in fire weather information from remote sites to a central computer.

The company has a wide range of horticultural projects in mind, including the construction of greenhouses and an office building.

The BCFS has a contract with Odin to provide 23 million seedlings over four years for the province's reforestation program.

Established by the BCFS in 1947, the nursery currently specializes in container production of large western redcedar crops and has an excellent reputation for producing quality lodgepole pine, Douglas-fir and spruce stock types for interior sites.

The nursery's Chesterfield Street site was not included in the sale. Discussions continue on the future of Green Timbers Nursery in Surrey—the last of BCFS nurseries earmarked for privatization.

"Everyone was overwhelmed with the new office, according to the Clearwater district staff.

"It's a pleasant change from the old ranger district office," said **Ian Brown**, operations manager.

Everybody is now under one roof, rather than spread between several trailers and buildings.

The new building is located on a 1.6-hectare site, opposite the provincial campground.

— submitted by **Ian Brown**,
correspondent
Clearwater district

Two districts amalgamate

The Maple Ridge and Chilliwack forest districts were amalgamated on April 10. The new forest district's headquarters will be in Chilliwack.

A field office will be maintained in Maple Ridge because of its importance to the community in providing client services and as an operating base for timber harvesting and silviculture field technicians.

Forester seal update

Registered professional foresters, will now sign and seal important documents, according to one policy, enforced by the Association of B.C. Professional Foresters.

Ron Bronstein, executive director of the association, says the ministry's policy has now been recinded.

The revised ABCPF policy is based on a study of forester-seal-use in forest districts.

Some documents have been added to the list of those that require seals, and some have been dropped.

Bronstein says the application of a seal is a useful process to help foresters stop and think about the importance of certain documents they must sign.

Planting trees for Canada helps 'Third World'

More than 700 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers planted 10,000 seedlings in the Greater Victoria Region alone during the national "Trees for Canada" event held by the Boy Scouts of Canada, March 18-19.

In 1988, 10,000 members planted 160,000 trees throughout the province.

"It's a program that we're increasingly emphasizing, because of the obvious educational benefits," said **Dale Cuthbertson**, provincial field executive for the youth organization.

Grace Seabrook, Victoria regional coordinator, said the BCFS silviculture branch donated 8,000 seedlings in support of this year's planting.

Aside from the environmental awareness benefits, the event has a fund-raising component, Cuthbertson said.

Most money, raised through pledges, is put back into local organizations. A portion is matched 3-1 by the Canadian International Development Agency, and is used to fund community development projects, such as reforestation, in third world countries. The program has really taken off since 1987, when only 1,000 trees were planted by the Victoria chapter.

"It's really quite gratifying," Seabrook said.



Summer camp never the same

Summer is near and children's thoughts may soon be turning to summer camp.

And if they are thinking about the B.C. Forestry Association's summer camps, chances are they have been there at least once.

The BCFA has many return campers, and it has designed a progressive program to challenge children who have camped with them before.

Early registration is suggested to reserve space for a specific session.

The camps are held at the following BCFA forestry centres in B.C.:

Evans Lake — 14.5 kilometres north of Squamish. Phone: 688-6684.

Silver Lake — 11 kilometres west of Peachland. Phone: 860-6410.

Blue Lake — 116 kilometres north west of Cranbrook. Phone: 489-1113.

John McInnis — 58 kilometres south east of Prince George. Phone: 563-0427.

Gavin Lake — 64 kilometres north east of Williams Lake. Phone: 392-2544.

The BCFA centres are also available to schools, youth clubs and community groups for outdoor study programs during other months.

For more information contact: B.C. Forestry Association, 1430 - 1100 Melville Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6E 4A6. Phone: 683-7591.

Symposium circles the pole

The First Circumpolar Symposium on Remote Sensing of Arctic Environments will be held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, May 1-3, 1990.

The symposium will provide an international forum for reporting the current status of work carried out in circumpolar regions—those surrounding the north pole.

Forestry and forest management, wildlife habitat, geographic information systems, as well as several other topic areas will be addressed.

People interested in presenting pa-

pers should send two copies of abstracts, 300 words or less, in English or French, including your name, affiliation, address, phone and or FAX numbers, by November 1, 1989 to:

NWT Centre for Remote Sensing,
Dept. of Renewable Resources,
Government of the NWT,
P.O. Box 1320, Yellowknife, NWT,
X1A 2L9.

For more information contact: **Helmut Epp**, N.W.T. Remote Sensing Centre, phone: (403) 920-3329, FAX: (403) 873-0221.

Outstanding

Lynn Diduck, financial operations assistant, Kamloops region, will receive the 1988 Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal Award for academic excellence and significant contributions to her community.

She is a graduate of the business management program at the Open College. Each year the silver medal is awarded to an Open College student graduating from a one-year certificate program.

Lynn's contributions to her community include extensive work with the Girl Guides of Canada; volunteering at her children's school; organizing refreshments for Red Cross blood donor sessions; and, arranging monthly birthday parties at extended care nursing homes.

'Rainbow country'

The Mount St. Helen's eruption and subsequent forest rehabilitation will be the topic of the featured speaker, **John Keatley**, at the Coastal Silviculture Committee's summer workshop being held June 19-21, 1989 in Chilliwack.

The registration deadline is June 10.

For more information contact: **Frank Barber**, silviculture branch, phone: 387-8910.

Lillooet stacks team; Mackenzie sacks keg



The Lillooet winning team at the BCFS Provincial Hockey Tournament

It was quite a "social" weekend. But for the second year in a row the Lillooet district successfully stacked their team to win the Duncan Challenge Cup, at the BCFS Provincial Hockey Tournament, held April 1-2 in Lillooet.

How does the Mackenzie district feel about this?

"In the final, we lost 6-4 in a penalty-filled game to the Lillooet A team which was comprised mostly of players outside the BCFS, except for three or four token players."

What did they do about it?

"When our backs were turned, they took off with the keg and the pumps," said Al Crane, a Lillooet team member.

It was all in fun. But the Mackenzie team has come to the conclusion that in the spirit of the tournament, teams should strive to be made up of BCFS personnel, either past or present. Six teams partici-

pated in the tournament this year, including Penticton and Merritt. Some districts amalgamated their talent.

Crane says the Victoria and Chilliwack teams were very competitive. And he's pretty sure that the latter took the B.C. Forest Service Capital banner undetected.

"All of the games were really close," Crane said, "and everyone had a good time."

The Mackenzie team thanks the Lillooet district organizers for their hospitality, and the keg of draft.

— submitted by Al Crane, Lillooet forest district; and,

— Debbie Egberts, correspondent, Mackenzie forest district

Quiet sport

On a sunny day in Victoria, a deer, a duck and even a fish attended the 3rd Annual Silviculture Branch Golf Tournament, held April 15, at Prospect Lake.

A low score of 36 was posted by Dave Forget, payroll leave clerk.

Nils Sjoberg, silviculture development officer, won the 'closest-to-the-pin' contest. Tony Willingdon, Surrey nursery superintendent, won the 'farthest drive', in his car, from Surrey to Victoria. And John Thompson, Steve Hunt's (SIS Operations) golfing buddy, won the 'longest drive' during the game.

— submitted by Charles Goodmanson silviculture branch

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100 Mile House: Anne Lewynsky; Arrow: Ted Evans; Boundary: Karen Pullman; Bulkley: Bob Spyksma; Campbell River: John Tisdale; Cassiar: nil; Chilcotin: Mary Crawford; Chilliwack: Nan Vye, Doug Eastman; Clearwater: Ian Brown; Cranbrook: Tom Volkens; Dawson Creek: Paul Gevatkoff or John Mallett; Duncan: Tom Walker; Fort Nelson: Herb Spence; Fort St. James: Mike MacDonell; Fort St. John: Pat Doonan; Golden: Larry Price; Horsefly: Wayne Johnson; Invermere: Richard Dominy; Kalum: nil; Kamloops: Tim Sheldan; Kispicox: Brian Atherton; Kootenay Lake: Steve Flett; Lakes: nil; Lillooet: Bev Rennie; Mackenzie: Debbie Egberts; McBride: Bob Elliot; Merritt: Ian Howes; Mid-Coast: David Hails; Morice: Rod DeBoice; North Coast: nil; Penticton: Gall Lesowski; Port Alberni: Ernie Beadle; Port McNeill: Reg Brick; Sunshine Coast: Lena Grant; Prince George: Maury Drage, Del Blackstock; Queen Charlotte Islands: Ben Hansen; Quesnel: Deborah Lipscombe; Revelstoke: Lauren Waters; Salmon Arm: Harry Drage; Squamish: Ailsa Siemens; Vanderhoof: Craig Hooper; Vernon: Linda Vlasveld; Williams Lake: Chris Thornton

Title mix-up

Our article on Continuous Service Award recipients (February) incorrectly titles Ken Merry as resource officer, engineering/recreation, Chilliwack forest district.

Frank Ullmann is the resource officer, recreation and John Hamlin is the resource officer, engineering, Chilliwack forest district. Ken Merry is the acting operations manager, Queen Charlotte Islands forest district.

Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.