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 **Sunshine Coast Community Forest**

OPERATIONS MANAGER

The Sunshine Coast Community Forest (SCCF) is committed to profitably managing our forest in a sustainable, effective and environmentally sensitive manner with broad community participation and support.

We are currently recruiting for the Operations Manager position. Reporting to the volunteer President, the Operations Manager will be responsible for all forestry, water quality, environmental sustainability and recreational activities and have a leading role in implementing our strategic and community engagement initiatives.

This position is currently provided by a third party service provider under a contract which expires on May 31, 2011. Going forward, we will consider both employment applications and service contract proposals.

This position will appeal to an individual or contractor with experience in forestry, logging or related environmental science. Business management and communications skills are essential.

For more information visit us at www.SCCF.ca. Enquiries and applications or proposals should be sent to President@SCCF.ca not later than 4:00 pm on January 17th, 2011.

Forestry Team in Action

Forest Dynamics and Carbon Storage

In December 2009, the Forum for Research and Extension in Natural Resources (FORREX) in partnership with the University of Northern British Columbia and the Canadian Forest Service was successful in obtaining support from the Future Forest Ecosystem Science Council for their extension project entitled, Reducing Vulnerabilities and Promoting Resilience of BC's Natural and Human Systems Through Adaptation of Post-Disturbance Land Management Options. One of the ways to help reduce vulnerabilities and promote resilience of BC's natural and human systems is to find out what information already exists and what is missing in order to complete the picture.

Davide Cuzner and Kathie Swift, Early Stand Dynamics Extension Specialist, are working to synthesize existing information related to the effects of natural disturbances and management responses on forest successional pathways and forest carbon. Significant information and research on this topic has been found however one challenge has been to find a way to group the information into cohesive entities

that make sense. The team decided to use a modified Ecoprovince approach with seven units that provide information on successional trends for various forest types and discuss how these trends and forest management practices may change as a result. A first draft of this synthesis is scheduled to be completed in fall 2010.

For more information on this synthesis please contact Kathie Swift. For more information on the FFESC project in general, please contact Alan.Wienczyk@forrex.org.

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In Memoriam

It is very important to many members to receive word of the passing of a colleague. Members have the opportunity to publish their memories by sending photos and obituaries to **BC Forest Professional**. The association sends condolences to the family and friends of the following member:

W. (Rex) Thorp

RPF #315 LIFE MEMBER
1924 - 2010

A native of British Columbia's West Kootenays, Rex Thorp was born in Castlegar on January 24, 1924. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II, from 1942 – 1944, and upon being discharged he enrolled at the University of British Columbia, graduating with a forestry degree in 1950.

From 1950 to 1957, Rex worked for the Nelson Lumber Company near Nelson, first as Woods Manager, then as Mill Manager. He then moved to Fort Smith in the Northwest Territories, where he worked for the Department of Northern Affairs as a Forestry Officer.

In 1959, Rex moved to Revelstoke and began working for Celgar in the interior wet belt on the Arrow Lakes Tree Farm Licence (TFL 23). During his time working on TFL 23, Rex held various positions, one of the most notable being that of Manager of Forestry, Engineering. While he was manager, TFL 23 was the second largest TFL in the province. Challenges Rex faced there included poorly developed road systems, over-abundance of decadent hemlock, and the wild, untamed Columbia.



An interesting career highlight for Rex while working for Celgar in Revelstoke was, as the company's District Forester, to organize and oversee the first 70-mile river drive of log bundles from the Goldstream River down the Columbia River to Revelstoke. This drive was the first of its kind in southern BC, and the practice ultimately ended with the construction of the Revelstoke Dam.

In 1966, Rex was transferred to Nakusp where he spent the rest of his career, retiring in 1980. During the course of his life as a forester, Rex advocated for many forestry techniques that today are commonplace, including artificial regeneration, integrated resource management and patch cutting instead of the traditional (at the time) progressive clear cutting, a practice change which he helped implement and oversaw while employed by Celgar.

Throughout his time in Nakusp, Rex was an active member of the community. Married for 60 years to his loving wife Evelyn (Ev,) he had a partner who supported him in his career, community endeavours and family life. Community service as a 30-year member of the Rotary Club, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Chairman of the Hospital Board, culminated in both he and Ev being named Citizens of the Year for 1994.

When not engaged in work or community activities, Rex's favourite place was near the old lake community of Deer Park just north of Castlegar. He had a summer cabin in the yellow pine forest that grow there where he spent many happy times with family and friends.

Rex leaves behind his long-time wife and partner Ev, two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.