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Forestry Art Contest Has Winners from Around BC

Vancouver, BC (November 3, 2009) – Kids from across the province were invited to draw a picture of what the forests in their communities mean to them. There were over 1,300 entries from every corner of the province – a huge increase from 2008's 200 entries.

The winning entries included pictures of the children camping and hiking in the forest as well as homes for animals and healthy planets. There were 165 entries in the 4-5 age group; 523 entries in the 6-8 age group and 675 entries in the 9-12 age group. The winners include:

Age 4-5:

First Place: Jordan Leland, age 5, of North Vancouver

Runners Up: Catherine Sastrawidjaya, age 4, of Vancouver and Alexander O'Hearn-Stone, age 5, of Rossland

Age 6-8:

First Place: Alice Kang, age 8, of Surrey

Runners Up: Meg Warhurst, age 8, of Lillooet, and Marina vanWoudenberg, age 8, of Aldergrove

Age 9-12:

First Place: Lisa Ross, age 9, of Fernie

Runners Up: Skye Robbins, age 10, of Prince George and Kelly Chan, age 11, Vancouver

All of the children will have their pictures published in the ABCFP and TLA magazines and posted on the websites of all three organizations. In addition, the first place winners in each age group received \$50 gift certificates to Chapters.

Visit the ABCFP, TLA or BC Forest Safety Council websites to view the winning entries: www.abcfp.ca, www.tla.ca and www.bcforestsafecouncil.org.

*The **Association of BC Forest Professionals**, established in 1947, is the largest professional forestry association in Canada with approximately 5,400 members. The association registers and regulates professional foresters and forest technologists under authority of the provincial Foresters Act.*

*The **TLA (Truck Loggers Association)** represents over 500 independent coastal forest contractors and their suppliers in British Columbia. The TLA promotes a thriving, sustainable forest industry in BC, and fosters communication and education within resource communities, urban centres and governments.*

*The **BC Forest Safety Council** is a not-for-profit society dedicated to promoting forest health and safety. It was founded and is supported by all major forestry organizations in BC and works with forestry employers, workers, contractors and the provincial government and agencies to implement changes necessary to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries in the forest sector.*

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