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William (Bill) Dennison to Be Honored For Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry

Sacramento – The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection will present its highest honor, the Francis H. Raymond Award to William (Bill) Dennison on Wednesday, March 4, 2008 beginning at 6 p.m. at California Fat's Asian Grill and Steakhouse in Sacramento.

In a career spanning five decades, Mr. Dennison has moved comfortably between production forestry, political advocacy, and public service. A Registered Professional Forester since 1974, Mr. Dennison began his career in 1954 as a graduate forester and retired in 2006 having served as President of the California Forestry Association, Plumas County District 3 Supervisor, and Executive Director of the Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference among many other roles and responsibilities. A tireless supporter of grass roots advocacy and rural communities, Mr. Dennison was a member of the Quincy Library Group that helped develop and achieve passage of the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Bill in 1998. He likewise helped organize the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition in recognition of the impact to rural community infrastructure from loss of federal timber revenues. Not surprisingly, in 1999, he was named Citizen of the Year by the Chester/Lake Almanor Chamber of Commerce.

The award is named for Francis H. Raymond who was the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from 1953 to 1970, and one of the primary advocates for the passage of the Professional Foresters Law in 1973. Since 1987 it has been awarded to a group or individual who has achieved excellence in forestry in California.

Who: The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

What: The Francis H. Raymond Award

Where: California Fat's Asian Grill and Steakhouse, Sacramento, California

When: Wednesday, March 4, 2008, 6 p.m.

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