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Forester, John R. Mount to Be Honored With the Francis H. Raymond Award

Sacramento – The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection will present Registered Professional Forester, John R. Mount with its highest honor, the “Francis H. Raymond” Award for Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry. The presentation will be made during the Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, in the first floor auditorium of the Resources Building located at 1416 9th Street in downtown Sacramento.

The Board is recognizing Mr. Mount for his dedication to mentoring youth and educating the public about the benefits of forest management. Among Mr. Mount’s many actions in support of California forestry was the commitment of himself and his entire forestry staff to the very first offering of the Northern California Society of American Forester’s (SAF) sponsored “Forest Conservation Days.” He subsequently went on to create “Forest Science Days” and “Local Forest Conservation Days” at his employer’s ‘Camp Edison’ to educate elementary school children about forest stewardship.

Mr. Mount has been a tireless supporter of three different chapters of the SAF and helped establish the Central Sierra Historical Society. Among many accolades over the course of his career, Mr. Mount was selected as the SAF “Field Forester of the Year” in 2000 and remains the only professional forester to receive the Wildlife Society’s “Conservationist of the Year” award in 2001. He was elected a Society of American Foresters Fellow in 1989.

The award was named after Francis H. Raymond who was the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from 1953 to 1970, and was 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: Presentation of the Francis H. Raymond Award

Where: Resources Building – 1st Floor Auditorium, 1416 9th Street, downtown Sacramento

When: Wednesday, July 7, 2010 (Presentation to occur sometime between 8:00-10:00 am.)

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