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Collins Pine Company Honored For Forestry Work

Sacramento – The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection presented its highest honor, the Francis H. Raymond Award to the Collins Pine Company of Chester on Tuesday, June 5, 2001 at 6:00 PM in Yreka's Greenhorn Park.

Collins Pine is widely known for its continuing influence on the public's perception of sustainable forest management in California. "It is notable that in 2000, Collins Pine harvested and milled their two billionth board foot of lumber, yet their volume of standing timber remains at the same level as when it first began logging in 1941", said Stan Dixon, Acting Board Chairman. "This long term view of sustainable forest management, and Collins' obtaining the first green certification by a private timberland owner in the United States, forms the basis for this Award."

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. Every year since 1987 it has been awarded to a group or individual who has achieved excellence in forestry in California.

Chairman Dixon presented the award to Jay Francis, Forest Manager for the Collins Pine Company. In return, Collins Pine Company Vice President of Resources, Paul Harlan, presented Mr. Dixon and the Board of Forestry a pine plaque made from the tree that that contained the two billionth board foot. Also making a presentation was senate staffer Julie Clausen, representing California State Senator Maurice Johannessen. She presented a Senate Certificate of Recognition to the Collins Pine Company for its achievements.