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Safe foresters lauded
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Two North Island workers were recognized for advancing safe practices by the BC Forest Safety Council and the Ministry of Labour.

Jack Miller of Port McNeill, who works at Englewood Division with Western Forest Products, earned the Cary White Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award during the second annual Vancouver Island Safety Conference at Qualicum Beach on Sat., Oct. 3.

Miller has spent 35 years in the forest industry, three decades as a faller, and has always been an active member of the safety committee.

Currently, he is a safety officer for United Steelworkers Union and a member of the coroner's panel investigating logging fatalities.

As a natural mentor and teacher, Miller has been a dedicated and vigilant advocate for faller safety and safe work practices in BC's forests, said a press release from the event.

Randy Boas from Holberg was runner up for the Safety MVP of the Year Award, which is given to an individual or group that promotes forest safety in B.C. by developing new safety initiatives or innovations that have made a difference in forest worker safety.

Boas, Western Forest Products operations manager in Holberg is well-known for his genuine interest and belief in safe practices.

In fewer than three years with Western Forest Products' Holberg operation, Boas assisted in decreasing the company's medical incidents and dramatically improving its safety performance.

Boas is a strong safety leader that achieves results designed to keep workers safe on the job, said the release.

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