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## Calling All Creative Minds of the Cariboo Chilcotin!

*Cariboo Regional District* – The Cariboo Regional District (CRD), your 2010-2011 Forest Capital of Canada, is now accepting submissions for the commemorative publication – *Our Backyard – Forests of the Cariboo Chilcotin*. The CRD is calling on all creative minds to submit their works on any topic related to forestry and the forest land-base in the Cariboo Chilcotin.

In the Cariboo Chilcotin our forests play a vital role in our lives, both at work and play. As the foundation of many of our communities, many of us share a special relationship with our forest resources and we want you to share your story.

“We are looking forward to receiving the submissions from our residents and we are confident that they will be a good representation of our forest industry,” state CRD Electoral Area E Director and Forest Capital of Canada Committee Chair Steve Mazur. “Through *Our Backyard – Forests of the Cariboo Chilcotin* commemorative magazine we want to raise awareness on the importance of the forest industry to our region past, present and future while recognizing some of the creative and talented residents that reside within the Cariboo Chilcotin.”

We are looking for submissions from residents of all ages and backgrounds. Whether you are a student, a recreational writer or photographer, a forestry worker or artist this is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our forests! We are hoping this opportunity will give some of those people who enjoy writing, photography or any other visual arts, as a hobby or as a professional, an opportunity to showcase their work in celebration of the forest industry in our region. Submissions may include papers, narratives, anecdotes, biographies, human interest articles, historical accounts, poetry, photography, or artwork.

Subject matter may include, but is not limited to, traditional forestry, industry diversification and innovation, stewardship and forest management, bio-energy, eco-tourism and wilderness adventure, community forests, log home building, value-added and non-timber forest products, the BC woodlot license program and more.

The Request for Submissions and submission entry form is now available online on the Forest Capital webpage at [www.cariboord.bc.ca](http://www.cariboord.bc.ca) or by hard copy at the CRD offices in Williams Lake, Quesnel, or 100 Mile House. Submissions may be sent electronically to [forestcapital@cariboord.bc.ca](mailto:forestcapital@cariboord.bc.ca) or by hard copy to your local CRD office.

The goal is to launch the commemorative magazine during National Forest Week, September 19-25, 2010.

The production of the magazine is being largely done by volunteer work, in-house work, and work provided by sponsors. For advertising and listing space opportunities, please contact Spring Wiebe at the Williams Lake Tribune at 250-392-2331.

For more information about the CRD’s Forest Capital of Canada program, please contact the Project Coordinator at (250) 392-3351, toll free at 1-800-665-1636 or email [forestcapital@cariboord.bc.ca](mailto:forestcapital@cariboord.bc.ca)