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**Awards to Recognize Those Who Make A Difference
Fraser Basin Council Seeks Nominations for 2002 Sustainability Awards**

Vancouver, BC – The Fraser Basin Council is seeking nominations for the 2002 Sustainability Awards. The deadline for nominations is just two weeks away on Friday, November 22.

The Fraser River Basin extends from the River's headwaters in the Rockies near Prince George to the mouth of the Fraser in Richmond. Every day, people across the Basin are making outstanding contributions to advance the well-being of their communities, local economies and the environment that sustains us. The Fraser Basin Council recognizes these dedicated people and groups for their vision, hard work and achievements on behalf of this special place with a biennial presentation of five "Sustainability Awards".

The Fraser Basin Council 2002 Sustainability Awards honour those who have made significant contributions in each of five categories: Understanding Sustainability, Strengthening Communities, Caring for Ecosystems, Improving Decision-Making and an Overall Sustainability Award for outstanding achievements by a person or organization in multiple categories.

The deadline for nominations is November 22, 2002. A panel of judges will announce a shortlist on December 10, 2002. Award winners will be announced at the State of the Fraser Basin Conference Awards Luncheon on January 25, 2003, in Richmond, BC. Nomination Application forms, criteria and procedures are available on our website (www.fraserbasin.bc.ca) or can be obtained from Laura Brend at the Fraser Basin Council: 604-488-5352.

Past Fraser Basin Sustainability Award Winners

For the year 2000 - Carney's Waste Systems, Fraser Valley Regional Watershed Coalition, West Fraser Timber Company, Sun Rivers Corporation for Sun Rivers Resort Community and the Salmon River Watershed Roundtable.

For 1998 - Recycling Council of BC, Fraser River Coalition, Vanderhoof Specialty Wood Products, Alouette River Management Society and City of Kamloops.

The Fraser Basin Council brings people together to find solutions to advance social, economic, and environmental sustainability in the Fraser River Basin. The Council includes individuals from throughout the Fraser Basin, with representatives from federal, provincial, local and First Nations' governments, as well as the private sector and civil society. Home to 2.7 million people, the Fraser Basin covers approximately one quarter of BC in land area and produces 80% of BC's provincial economic output. See our website for more information: www.fraserbasin.bc.ca

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