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“Revisiting Forestry’s Crystal Ball”

ABSTRACT:

Shortly after moving to Prince George in 1993 as the chair of UNBC’s new Forestry Program, Wini Kessler was invited to speak on “What I See in Forestry’s Crystal Ball.” Among her broad predictions were:

- *The importance of products that come from forests will increase.*
- *Increasingly, forests will be valued for more than the sum of their products and uses.*
- *There will be better appreciation of forests as complex ecological systems that are controlled by forces bigger than we humans.*

Have these trends and predictions come to pass? In general they certainly have, and also in specific and hugely important ways that we had not imagined at the time. In this lecture Dr. Kessler will revisit forestry’s crystal ball to discuss major developments of the past 15 years that are shaping the view of forestry’s future.



BIOGRAPHY:

Winnifred (“Wini”) Kessler is the Director of Wildlife, Fisheries, Ecology, Watershed and Subsistence Management for the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Region. Previous Forest Service assignments included National Wildlife Ecologist (1986–90) and Principal Rangeland Ecologist (1992–93) on the Washington DC Staff. Dr. Kessler was the founding chair of UNBC’s Forestry Program and held that position from 1993 until 2000; she was recognized as British Columbia’s Academic of the Year in 1997. She held earlier faculty appointments at the University of Idaho and Utah State University.

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Dr. Kessler’s enjoyment of international work has taken her to Peru, India, Mongolia, and the Altai Republic (Siberia). An active volunteer, she currently serves on the boards of the BC Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation and the Ecosystem Management Research Institute. She has been a Certified Wildlife Biologist since 1978 and served many leadership positions and committee assignments for The Wildlife Society, receiving a Special Recognition Service Award in 1999.

Dr. Kessler’s publications span a variety of natural resource journals including *Condor*, *Ecological Applications*, *Ecosystem Health*, *Environmental Management*, *Forestry Chronicle*, *Journal of Forestry*, *Journal of Soil & Water Conservation*, *Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Northwest Science*, *Rangelands*, *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, *Conservation Biology*, and others. Her education includes BA and MSc degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, and PhD from Texas A&M University, which honored her with an Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2002.

The Doug Little Memorial Lecture



Doug Little
1928—1993

The Doug Little Memorial Lecture series was initiated by the faculty of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) in the fall of 1996. This annual event commemorates the late J.D. Little, former Senior Vice-President Forest Operations, Northwood Pulp and Timber Limited.

Doug was a founding supporter of UNBC and a recipient in 1986 of the distinguished forester award from the association of British Columbia Professional Foresters. Doug Little's philosophy was that with appropriate forest management, the resources of the forest can be sustained for future generations.

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