Northern Interior Cruising Committee,

I am extremely grateful to inform you that I was chosen as the recipient of the Northern Interior Cruising Committee Scholarship! I cannot begin to fully express my gratitude for your generous contribution; however, I can assure you it will greatly benefit my education.

This Fall I will return to the University of Northern British Columbia for my final year of study in Forest Ecology and Management. Over my final two semesters I am enrolled in Forest Practices and Management, Natural Resources Planning, Environmental and Professional Ethics, Fungi and Lichens, Populations and Communities, and Forest Operations. Also, as an undergraduate thesis project I am currently researching lichen dispersal and colonization within recently logged and regenerating cut blocks. At the end of the Winter 2014 semester all applied science students that completed undergraduate research will present their findings at the UNBC campus. This event is open to the public and I welcome you to attend.

Completing my undergraduate education is something that I have enjoyed immensely. Having been raised in Williams Lake I have always enjoyed the outdoors and understood the value of forestry to small communities. This close connection to nature and forestry is the main reason why I chose to pursue a career as a forest professional. Currently, there are exciting opportunities for forestry in BC, and by financially supporting natural resource management students you are contributing to both a sustainable economy and a healthy environment. I would again like to thank you for your generous contribution, and also thank you for supporting students and future forest professionals in BC.

Sincerely,

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