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Mr. Bill Steer  
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Re: Green Check GPS Certification Course

Dear Bill:

I would like to commend you and the Canadian Ecology Centre for spearheading the development of the Green Check GPS Certification Course. This introductory level course clarifying the relationship between the map, the compass and GPS will benefit anyone that relies on reliable spatial data. Whether it is collecting features and attributes for a GIS, relaying a definitive location during an emergency or searching for an elusive geocache, the evaluation standards set by this course and the subsequent certification were long overdue as GPS becomes common place in our professions and in our leisure pursuits.

As a technical trainer I provide product specific GPS instruction to the GIS and engineering industry. This training makes general references to geodesy, map datums and coordinate systems but in the end, though the client has been well trained in the operation of the hardware, the onus is on them to relate the measured GPS locations to their application needs. This is a fundamental foundation provided by the Green Check GPS Certification Course that enables the technician operating the GPS, as well as the GIS Specialist in the office, to make this relationship.

I appreciate the opportunity I had to sit in while you trained a group seeking professional development, and then again on a second session with a group that also included geocachers, students and general interest users. In both cases it was a pleasure to witness the enlightenment as the participants, even those experienced in GPS operation, discovered "What do those numbers mean anyway?". The thorough combination of classroom and hands-on training, reinforced by the competency test, provides the participants with the confidence and knowledge to harness the positional power of the GPS utility. To be accredited for this knowledge is a benefit for the professional development of those requiring certification.

As a certified provider of the Green Check GPS Certification Course I am pleased to offer this service to the clients of Conestoga-Rovers and Associates.

Yours truly,

Dan Salter C.Tech.

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