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Forest Service Promotes Merrillville Native

Madison, Wis.— Jerrold Winandy, formerly of Merrillville, IN, was named Project Leader of the Performance Designed Composites Unit at the USDA Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) in Madison, WI. The research unit has national responsibility for defining the performance attributes of traditional wood-based composites such as plywood and oriented strandboard sheathing. It also studies wood-plastic combinations for products ranging from automotive parts to roof shingles. Winandy will oversee the unit and conduct research on the properties and durability of composites.

Winandy has been an FPL employee since September of 1979. He started his career as a Forest Products Technologist and became a research scientist in the early 1980s. Before his appointment to Project Leader, he worked as the principal Wood Scientist in FPL's Engineering Properties of Wood unit. His research there focused on defining the effects of chemicals and decay on wood properties.

A 1971 graduate of Merrillville High School, Winandy attended Purdue University, where he received his B.S. and M.S. in Wood Science. He earned a Ph.D. in Forest Products from Oregon State University and was a visiting scientist there from 1988 to 1989. In addition to his position at FPL, Winandy is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Wood and Paper Science at the University of Minnesota. Winandy now resides in Mazomanie, WI with his wife and their 3 children.

The USDA Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory was established in 1910 in Madison, Wis., with the mission to conserve and extend the country's wood resources. Today, FPL's research scientists work with academic and industrial researchers and other government agencies in exploring ways to promote healthy forests and clean water, and improve papermaking and recycling processes. Information is

available at FPL's Web site: www.fpl.fs.fed.us. Through FPL's Advanced Housing Research Center, (www.fpl.fs.fed.us/ahrc/), researchers also work to improve homebuilding technologies and materials.

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