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Madison, Wis.— The USDA Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Highlights of the day will include tours of the new Research Demonstration House and FPL research facilities, a wood identification service and mushroom identification.

The Research Demonstration House is a 2300 sq. ft., four-bedroom house that features composite shingles, a permanent wood foundation, four different types of siding, and energy efficient appliances. Other tour stops will include research with the US Postal Service on “lickless stamps”, glulam beams, log grading techniques, termites, small-diameter timber and several other areas. Researchers will be on hand to discuss their research and information will be available on log homes, deck finishing, and wood foundations.

If you would like to bring a wood sample for identification, the suggested sample size is ½” x 3” x 6” along the grain, or small items may be brought in.

Join us for our Open House to learn more about what FPL is doing to improve your daily life.

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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