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### New Director reports to Forest Products Laboratory

Madison, Wis.— Chris Risbrudt is the new director at the USDA Forest Service Forest Products Lab (FPL) in Madison. FPL is the nation's leading wood research institute.

Risbrudt, who previously held a number of key jobs in the agency's national headquarters and throughout the Forest Service, will oversee more than 250 scientists and support staff conducting research on conserving forest resources through efficient wood use. His first job with the Forest Service was as an economist at FPL.

"I am particularly excited about this opportunity, as I am returning to FPL, where I had my first permanent assignment in the Forest Service," said Risbrudt. "The lab has a long history of innovation in wood products and uses and I am proud to become a part of that again."

Risbrudt earned a bachelor's degree in 1972 from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree in 1976 and a doctorate degree in 1979 from Michigan State University. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

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

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