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OPEN HOUSE SET FOR FOREST PRODUCTS LAB IN MADISON “Ask the Experts” Saturday, Sept. 18

Madison, Wis.— The nation’s major wood-utilization laboratory, the USDA Forest Service’s Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) in Madison, Wis., is holding an Open House for the public, Saturday September 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme for the one-day event is “Ask the Experts.”

Several areas of the lab will include special exhibits:

At the Research Demonstration House, which shows the use of wood and wood-based materials as well as energy-saving and environmental features, FPL researchers will be on hand to answer questions regarding home-construction materials, maintenance, mold and moisture prevention.

Elsewhere, experts on wood anatomy will identify wood samples brought by visitors; fungi specialist will identify mushrooms, and visitors will be able to learn about mold and fungus and other wood preservation issues.

In the engineering mechanics lab, exhibits will depict how lumber and other structural products are tested.

At the paper-testing and recycling pilot plant, youngsters will be able to try their hands at making paper. Additional exhibits there will demonstrate a variety of uses for wood, including filtering pollutants from streams.

There will be an exhibit of original furniture and artwork made from wood-based composite materials by UW students and faculty.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will also participate with an exhibit recognizing 100 years of Wisconsin forestry.

FPL is located at One Gifford Pinchot Dr., (one block north of University Ave., east of the VA Hospital and west of the electrical generation plant under construction). For information, telephone: (608)231-9200, or e-mail: mailroom_forest_products_laboratory@fs.fed.us

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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