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100 Years of Forest Service Research & Development

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Pictured: Forest Service R&D at work.

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“Science You Can Use” was adopted as a brand for communicating Research and Development successes and impact, reflecting the growing recognition of the importance of communicating Forest Service Research and Development results with key partners and the public.

In 2007, Forest Service scientists shared the Nobel Prize with former Vice President Al Gore and other scientists worldwide for their work with the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

A new program in nanotechnology was initiated at the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL). This initiative led to the establishment of a nanotechnology demonstration facility at FPL. As a result, FPL attained a position of leadership in the application of nanotechnology in wood products research.

A partnership between Forest Service Research and Development and the National Science Foundation was established to promote research in urban ecosystems, with a special emphasis on Urban Long-Term Research Area Exploratory Grants.

The use of and support for Forest Service Experimental forests and ranges was revitalized. This revitalization led to their improved functioning as a research network and provided resources to enhance a common set of measurements and approaches across key ecosystems.