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100 Years of Forest Service Research & Development



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1937–1944



Pictured:  
Forest  
Service  
R&D  
at work.

1915 1925 1935 1945 1955 1965 1975 1985 1995 2005 2015



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### Research & Development MILESTONES



- Forsling was instrumental in developing a relationship between the Forest Service and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, a relationship which continues into the 21st century.
- During World War II, the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) provided research to support the war effort. Low temperature glues for laminating beams, preservative for wood used in the tropics, improved hardboard production, and enhanced wood alcohol distillation processes (used for rubber substitutes) were some of FPL's contributions.
- The International Institute of Tropical Forestry was established in 1939 in cooperation with the University of Puerto Rico.
- The Appalachian Forest Experiment Station (now the Southern Research Station) became involved with field surveys and reports required by the War Production Board. In 1942, the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station produced a report in cooperation with the War Production Board estimating lumber production in six Southern States. This report was a product of the Forest Survey (now Forest Inventory and Analysis), which was authorized by the McSweeney-McNary Act of 1928.

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