FIA User Group Meeting - Welcome -

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About FPL









1910

1910-1931

1931 - Present

- Established in 1910 and located in Madison, WI through a university competition
- 1 of 7 research units in the Forest Service
- 12 buildings located on 20 acres, Valley View test site, Starkville,
 MS termite laboratory
- 165 PFT employees + visiting staff; 53 "Scientists"
- Budget was historically \$20 million; \$27 million in FY 2016 -17
- Divided into two broad research areas; Wood Fiber and Composites Research and Wood Products Research



Centennial Research Facility





Guiding Principles

- America's forests are a major strategic asset that provide environmental, social, and economic benefits
- The US cannot maintain healthy, sustainable forests without an equally healthy and competitive forest products industry
- A key element in maintaining healthy, resilient forests is our ability to provide value-added products from the full complement of forest biomass



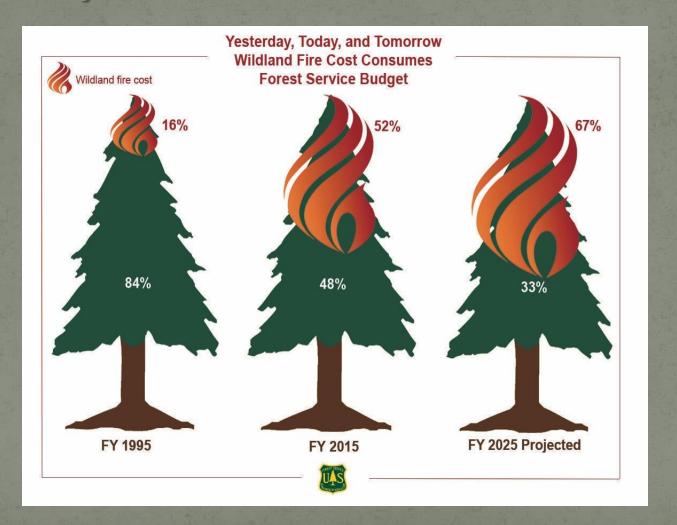
Healthy and Sustainable Forests



Fire readiness and suppression has gone from 20% of the FS budget in 2001 to 52% in 2015. It is not uncommon to spend \$1 million per hour fighting fires.

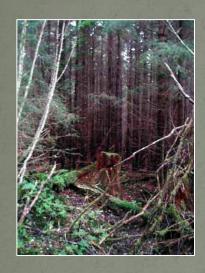


Healthy and Sustainable Forests





Resource Challenges









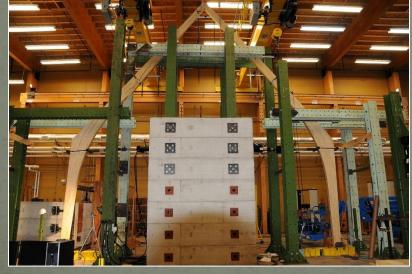




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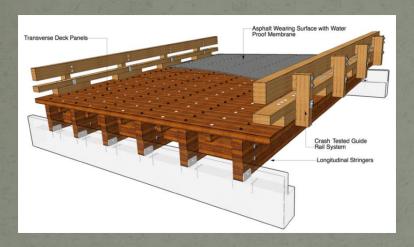








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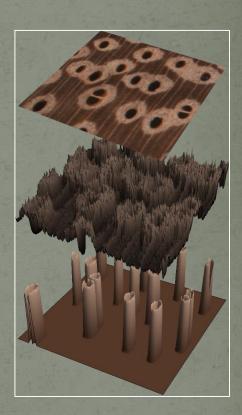


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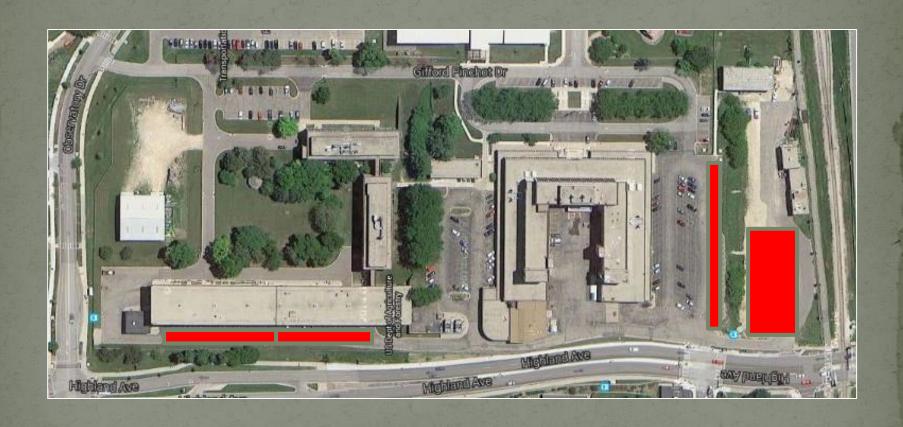




Administrative Announcements:

- Building security
- Restrooms/water
- Lunches and breaks
- Wireless connection
- Parking
- Building evacuation

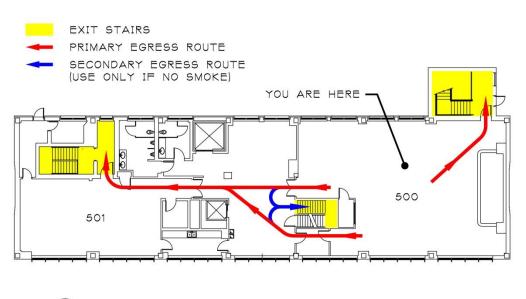




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ROOM 500 EMERGENCY EXIT ROUTES





BUILDING 1 - FIFTH FLOOR PLAN





