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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director and Deputy
Chiefs

In support of the Agency's national sustainable operations effort, I am proud to announce that registration is now open for the *US Forest Service National Sustainable Operations Summit*, November 18-20, 2008. The theme of this summit is "*Walking the Talk: Reducing our Environmental Footprint*". The event is co-hosted by the Forest Products Laboratory, the Eastern Region, the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, and the Northern Research Station, with collaboration across many Regions and Stations. The agenda and registration information for this meeting are enclosed.

The main location of the summit is the Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin. However, to "walk the talk for sustainability" and minimize travel costs, people in other locations are urged to participate via a combination of video conferencing at 25 additional sites, web meetings and other technologies that will be available. Registration for participation at the Madison location will be limited to 100 attendees, and units should select a few representatives to attend there. Instructions for registering at any of the locations are enclosed.

I hope you will set aside these dates to share lessons learned about sustainable operations and consider how we can integrate sustainable consumption into sustainable resource management through national, regional and place-based actions. This is the fourth annual Sustainable Operations Summit for the Forest Service and marks the first anniversary of the launch of the national sustainable operations effort.

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