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## **Ziemer Named Redwood Sciences Lab Director**

Bob Ziemer has been appointed Director of the Redwood Sciences Laboratory, at Arcata, effective March 1. He will supervise all local research and administrative functions there—including two Science Teams and a research support staff, according to Garland Mason, Assistant Station Director—Research/Northern California, who oversees the Laboratory.

At Arcata, the Station has maintained two Research Units—one formally designated as Management Effects of Hillslope Processes, Fisheries, and Stream Environments; and other as Timber Management/Wildlife Habitat Interactions—each supervised by a Project Leader. Those two units become Science Teams, each headed by a Team Leader. Bob, who has been Project Leader—Hillslope Processes/Fishery Research, will serve as the Team Leader of the unit, for the immediate future, as well as Laboratory Director.

The other Research Unit—Timber/Wildlife Interactions Research—also becomes a Science Team. A scientist/team leader is being recruited, but until one is selected, unit scientists will share leadership on a 3-month rotation., Garland has acted as Project Leader of that unit since last June, when Cindy Zabel relinquished the leadership position to return to full-time research.

The Hillslope Processes/Fishery Research Team has a staff of 10 permanent employees, and the Timber/Wildlife Interaction Research Team has 11. And both units have numerous temporary and term employees. Plans are underway to create four to six permanent part-time positions on the Wildlife Team and recruit a Team Leader, and to fill a vacancy on the Hillslope Processes Team.

“Our goal,” says Garland, “is to encourage landscape-level research linkages among the several scientific disciplines at the Redwood Sciences Laboratory to better address today’s challenging natural resources issues.”

## **Daughters and Sons See PSW at Work**

At this year’s celebration of “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day” on April 22, some 16 daughters and sons accepted the Station’s invitation to see the work side of PSW. The day’s program was developed in cooperation with the USDA Agricultural Research Service, also located at the Albany complex.

The young attendees first heard presentations by ARS researchers, toured four laboratories, and then moved on the FS’s part of the program. Marion Page, Insect Chemical Ecology Research Unit, Albany, presented a slide talk about the varied research activities at the Station, and that was followed by visits to the insect laboratories, where Gail Getty demonstrated the rearing and testing termites and other insects

## **Regents Approve PSW as Tenant at Hilo, Hawaii**

Regents of the University of Hawaii have approved the Forest Service as a tenant at its University Park in Hilo. Under a sublease agreed upon last week, PSW will build an office building, a support building, and a shade/head house on 4 acres in the Park as facilities for the Station’s Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry.

IPIF headquarters have been maintained in Honolulu since 1957, when the first Station representative, Bob Nelson, was reassigned from the Berkeley Station to the Hawaiian Islands. A year earlier, the Territory of Hawaii Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry had requested assistance from the Forest Service to “establish a forest research center in the Territory for the purpose of investigating and assessing forest lands and forest products potentials.” Since then, the staff there has grown from one person to the current roll of 28 positions in Honolulu, Hilo, Volcanoe, and Yap Island. In 1976, the Hawaii Research Center was redesignated as the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry.

In relocating from Honolulu to Hilo, the Institute would continue its research on reforestation, control of non-native species, and forested wetlands and watersheds, IPIF Director John Ewel told the University regents at last week’s hearings.

The University Park land is leased by the Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources to the University of Hawaii. Approval by the Board of the sublease would mean that the Station could join other organizations at the Park site, including the Science and Engineering Research Council, California Institute of Technology, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, National Science Foundation, and facilities for telescopes on Mauna Kea.

“Planning for the new IPIF facility at Hilo is well underway,” says Chuck Richmond, Group Leader—Facilities and Administrative Services, Albany. “Congress has to date appropriated \$1,072,000 for design and construction of the new IPIF buildings. And we are working with the FS Region 5 architects in designing facilities that will meet the needs of the Institute scientists and staff. Although much work must be done before the ground-breaking, we took a major first step when the University of Hawaii approved the Institute’s relocation to its University Park site at Hilo.”

## **Meetings/Conferences/Seminars**

\* Workshop on Population, Consumption, and Environment Program of the MacArthur Foundation, March 1-5, Puerto Princess, Palawan, Philippines: Katherine Ewel, Team Leader—Forested Wetlands Research, Honolulu, presented a “Summary of Progress on Research in Micronesia” and led a discussion on “Effects of Migration on Perception of Ecosystems Services.”

\* Perspectives on Biodiversity Symposium, Center for

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“There was a lot enthusiasm among the girls and boys who attended,” said Gladys Evans, civil rights program manger, who was assisted in arranging the day’s activities by Diane DeLany, Forest Genetics Research Unit, Albany.

### Personnelly Speaking

#### **Extra-Effort Award**

\* Enoch Bell, Assistant Station Director—Research/Southern California, Albany: “for added responsibility of providing executive-level scientific guidance to the Lake Tahoe Basin’s Tahoe Presidential Form Deliverables.”

#### **Other Awards**

To the following members of the Forest Fire Laboratory, Riverside, for their contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign:

\* Platinum pins: Dave Hamilton, John Benoit, Dave Olson, Andrea Meyer

\* Mugs and pins: Francis Fujioka, Mark Witala

\* Eagle awards: Jan Beyers, Steve Sackett, Sally Haase

\* Eagle Club plaques: Armando González-Cabán, Andrzej Bytnerowicz

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Conservation Biology, March 12, Riverside: Marcia Narog and Bonni Corcoran, Atmospheric Deposition Research Unit, Riverside, presented four posters: “Physiognomic Composition of an Arizona Upland Saguaro-Shrub Community” (co-author: Ruth Wilson); “Effects of Seasonal Burning in Chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*)” (co-authors: Tim Paysen, David Weise); “Comparing Electrical Resistance to the Postfire Sprouting Response in Canyon Live Oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*)” (co-authors: Tim Paysen); and “Regeneration and Recovery of Soft Chaparral (Coastal Sage Scrub)” (co-authors: Jan Beyers, Tim Paysen).

\* Workshop for Professional Biologists and Silviculturists, March 16-10, Fresno: Speakers and their topics: Hal Salwasser, Station Director: “The Role of Natural Resource Professionals in a Sustainable Future”; Jerry Verner, senior scientist, Fresno: “Conservation Planning and Population Viability” and “Measuring Canopy Cover”; Bill Laudenslayer, Project Leader—Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research, Fresno: “Biology of Snags in the Eastside Forests of California” and panelist in discussion of “Integrating Multiple Objectives: The Blacks Mountain Gooseneck Experience”; and Bob Powers, Team Leader—Soil Productivity Research, Redding: “Values and Benefits of Silviculture in the New Millennium” and “Recent Findings from the Long-Term Soil Productivity Study.”

\* Cook Inlet Keeper Pesticides Forum, April 6-8, Homer, Alaska: Pat Shea, Insect Chemical Ecology Research, Davis, discussed his research on bark beetles.

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