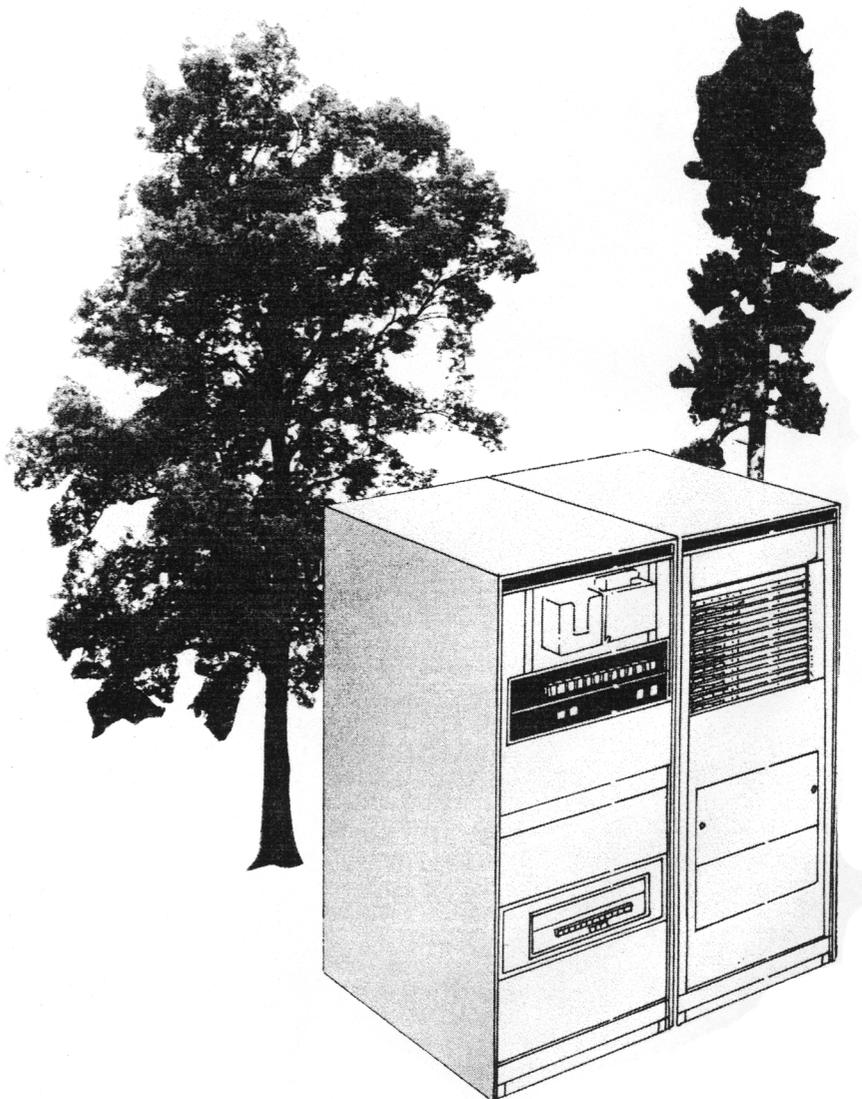


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A data base is an organized collection of information. Generally, for the ease of updating and maintenance, the information is recorded on cards, microfiche, or computer tape. Usually one or more indexes (author, title, subject, etc.) are provided to allow a planned rather than a random approach to the information. FORESTRY ABSTRACTS, both the printed version prepared by Commonwealth Forestry Bureau and the computer service supplied by Lockheed, is a data base; so is the card catalog in a library.

This directory provides access to 117 data bases maintained by scientists of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is a selection, not a complete listing, of these data bases. Most of them are bibliographic, although a few provide raw data (usually resource inventories) or names and addresses.

Many of these data bases were begun and are maintained by an individual because of his or her personal interest within the field of forestry or a related discipline. All material listed appears with permission of the person who will respond to inquiries, but this response will often be in addition to that person's normal duties. Rarely is maintenance of the data base, or assistance in its use, a required part of the person's job. Therefore, users should respect limitations on the form, time and place of response.

Although this directory is not a complete listing of Forest Service data bases and despite the obvious limitation of all directories—they are quickly out of date—this publication should make it easier for foresters, land managers, researchers and others interested in natural resources to exchange information.

