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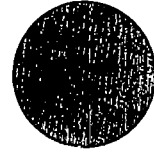
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MEMORANDUM FOR KATIE MCGINTY

FROM: JOHN H. GIBBONS 
SUBJECT: FOREST CONFERENCE

Since science and technology issues are crucial to the future use of our nation's forests, I have decided to attend the upcoming Forest Conference. Mark Schaefer, of my staff, also will be attending. After being briefed on the March 16 planning meeting for the Conference, I would like to offer the following suggestions to strengthen the science and technology aspects of the event.

- First, I would like to suggest that a short description of sustainable forestry practices be included in the appropriate briefing materials. I am sure you can get this from the USDA's Forest Service (Jerry SESCO, Deputy Chief of Forest Research) or my staff would be happy to provide you with this information.
- Second, I recommend that you include as part of your pre-conference activities a visit to either Oregon State University or the University of Washington. Both of these institutions are working on cutting-edge science and technology that will have direct impact on the forestry community in the area. To arrange a visit, your staff should contact either George Brown (Org. St. Univ., Dean of the College of Forestry) at 503-737-2221 or David Thorud (Univ. of Wash., Dean of the College of Forest Resources) at 206-545-1928. Clifford Gabriel, of my staff, is very knowledgeable of forest research issues, and I recommend including him on appropriate site visits.
- Third, as part of your follow-up activities, you might want to establish a process of continuing dialogue, perhaps through the Aspen Institute or the Keystone Center, that would provide an ongoing forum for information exchange. As you may know, those organizations have an excellent track record in bringing individuals with diverse perspectives together in an effort to achieve a consensus on policy initiatives.
- Finally, based on the latest version of the Conference agenda, I am concerned that time constraints combined with the implied large number of panelists might make the proposed format unworkable. Speakers routinely run overtime, so you might want to look carefully at the number of speakers in the context of the allocated time.

I also have attached a copy of an NRC study that addresses many of the research needs in this area. If you have not already, you might want to take a look at the CRS report (CRS 92-922 ENR) "Economic Impact of Protecting Spotted Owls: A comparison and Analysis of Existing Studies." It is important to recognize that these problems are not limited to the Pacific Northwest, but are pervasive in all forested areas. If you wish to discuss these or other matters pertaining to the Forest Conference, please contact either Mark Schaefer (X 6175) or Clifford Gabriel (X 1460).

Attachment

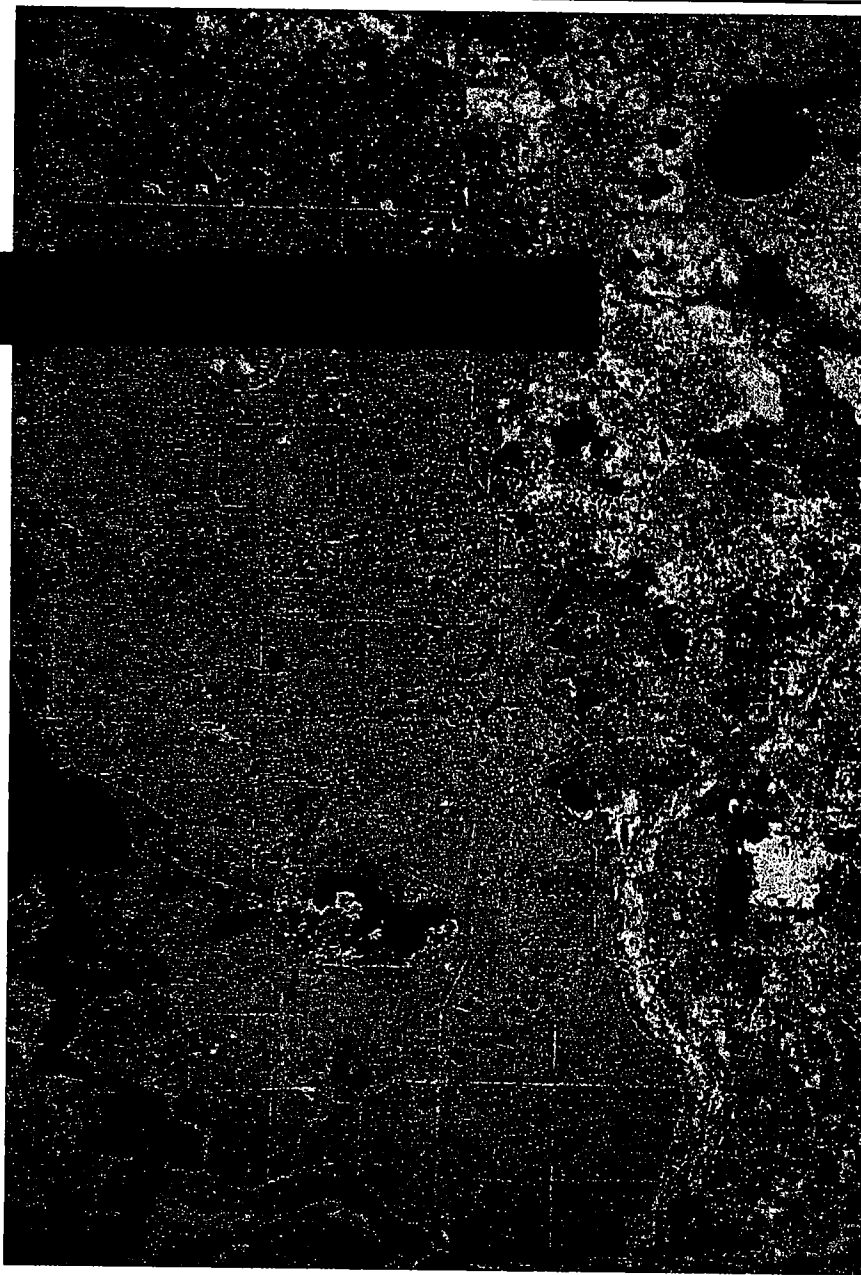
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