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SESCO NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF FOR RESEARCH

WASHINGTON, February 26--Jerry A. SESCO has been appointed deputy chief for research for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. SESCO succeeds John H. Ohman who is retiring Feb. 26. In his new position SESCO will be responsible for direction of the largest forestry research organization in the world.

F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the Forest Service said, "Although we are sorry to lose an administrator with as much experience as John Ohman, Jerry's background will allow us to maintain our leadership role in forestry research."

SESCO began his Forest Service career in 1963 as a junior forester on the Talladega National Forest in Alabama. A few months later, he moved to the North Central Forest Experiment Station's Carbondale, Ill., facility where he served as a research forester and later as a project leader. In 1977, he was named assistant director of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in Ogden, Utah.

In 1980, SESCO transferred to the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters where he was a staff assistant for Forest Resources Economics Research. In 1981, he was named staff assistant to the deputy chief for research, and in 1984 he transferred to the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station in Asheville, N.C. where he served as an assistant director in charge of research programs in Georgia and Florida. In 1985, he was promoted to director of the Southeastern Station where he was responsible for managing the Forest Service's research efforts in five southeastern states. In January 1988, SESCO transferred to the agency's Washington, D.C. office as associate deputy chief for research.

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Sesco received a bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in the same field from Auburn University. He earned a doctorate in economics at Southern Illinois University.

Ohman is retiring after 27 years with the Forest Service. He was named Deputy Chief for Research in 1986, after having served as associate deputy chief and deputy chief for State and Private Forestry. Earlier in his Forest Service career, he worked as a forest pathologist, assistant director of the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station in Pennsylvania, director of the North Central Forest Experiment Station at St. Paul, Minn., and director of the agency's Forest Insect and Disease Research staff in Washington, D.C.

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SESCO NAMED ASSOCIATE DEPUTY CHIEF FOR RESEARCH

WASHINGTON, December 21, 1987--Jerry A. SESCO, director of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station at Ashville, N.C., has been named an associate deputy chief for research, F. Dale Robertson, chief of the USDA Forest Service announced today. SESCO succeeds Charles W. Philpot who was recently appointed as the new director of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Portland, Oregon.

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SESCO received a bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in the same field from Auburn University. He earned a doctorate in economics at Southern Illinois University.

SESCO is a member of the Society of American Foresters, the Federal Executive Institute Alumni Association, and the Senior Executive Association.

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SESCO NAMED DIRECTOR OF SOUTHEASTERN FOREST EXPERIMENT STATION

Dr. Jerry A. SESCO has been appointed Director of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station at Asheville, NC, R. Max Peterson, chief of the USDA Forest Service announced today. SESCO succeeds Dr. Eldon Ross, who was promoted to associate deputy chief for research in Washington, D.C.

In his new position SESCO, who has been assistant director at the Station since 1984, will direct forestry research programs in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, said Peterson.

SESCO, originally from Pensacola, FL, graduated from the University of Georgia, in 1961, with a bachelor's degree in forestry. He received his master's degree in the same field from Auburn University in 1962, and earned a doctorate in economics from Southern Illinois University in 1974.

In making the announcement, Peterson noted the high qualifications and research experience SESCO brings to his new position. He began his Forest Service career as a junior forester on the Oakmulgee District of the Talladega National Forest in Centreville, AL, in February 1963. In May 1963, he became a research forester at the Central States Station, now part of the North Central Station, in Carbondale, IL. In 1976, he was appointed Project Leader at the same location. In 1977, he became assistant director of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in Ogden, UT.

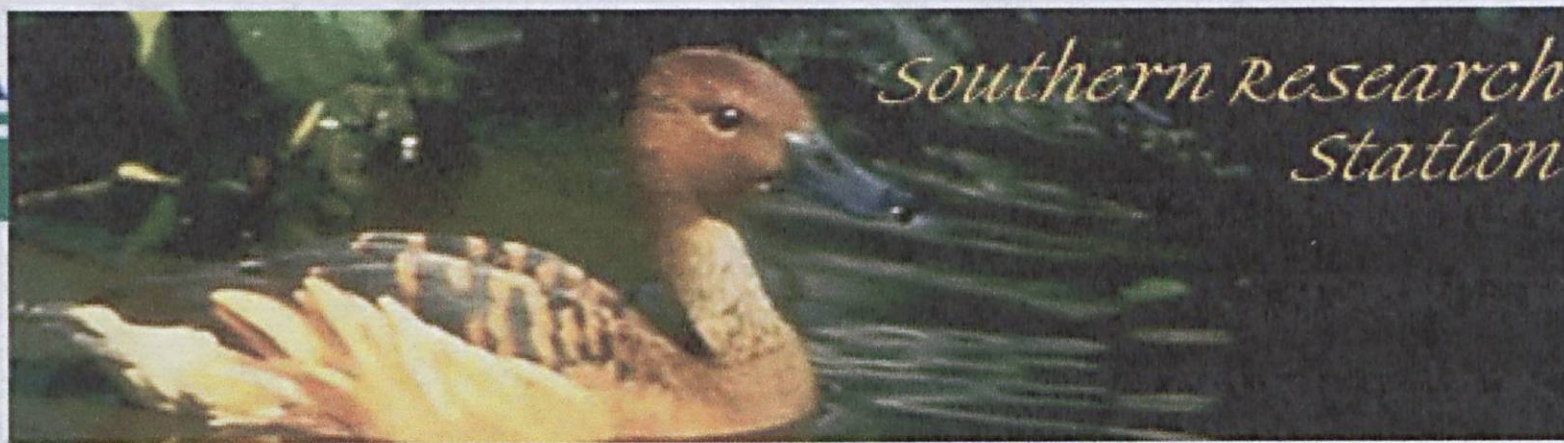
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Sesco was transferred to the agency's Washington, D.C., office in 1980, where he was a staff assistant for Forest Resources Economics Research until 1981, and staff asistant to the deputy chief for Research from 1981 to 1984. In June 1984, SESCO moved to the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station as an assistant director in charge of research programs in Georgia and Florida.

Sesco received USDA certificates of appreciation in 1974 for his leadership in the North Central Station's Equal Employment Opportunity/Human Rights Program, and again in 1980, for his work on Resources Planning Act activities. He also received USDA certificates of merit and cash awards in 1983 and 1984 for overall exceptional performance. SESCO is an active member of the Society of American Foresters.

The appointment is effective September 15, 1985.

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Directors of Forest Service Research Stations in the South

Asheville, NC

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Director	Dates	Station
E. H. Frothingham	1921-1934	Appalachian Forest Experiment Station
Clarence L. Forsling (bio)	1934-1938	Appalachian FES
R.E. McArdle	1938-1944	Appalachian FES
I.T. Haig	1944-1951	Appalachian/Southeastern FES
E.L. Demmon	1951-1956	Southeastern FES
J.F. Pechanec	1956-1962	Southeastern FES
Thomas F. McLintock (bio)	1962-1966	Southeastern FES
Walter M. Zillgitt	1966-1970	Southeastern FES
Stephen G. Boyce	1970-1973	Southeastern FES
J.B. Hilmon	1973-1979	Southeastern FES
Eldon W. Ross	1979-1985	Southeastern FES
Jerry A. SESCO	1985-1988	Southeastern FES
J. Lamar Beasley	1988-1991	Southeastern FES
Peter J. Roussopoulos (bio)	1992-1995	Southeastern FES
Peter J. Roussopoulos	1995-present	Southern Research Station

New Orleans, LA

R.D. Forbes	1921-1927	Southern Forest Experiment Station
E.L. Demmon	1927-1944	Southern FES
Charles A. Connaughton	1944-1951	Southern FES
H.L. Mitchell	1951-1953	Southern FES
P.A. Brieglib	1954-1963	Southern FES
Walter M. Zillgitt	1963-1966	Southern FES
T.C. Nelson	1966-1970	Southern FES
R.L. Youngs	1970-1972	Southern FES

J.C. Barber	1972-1976	Southern FES
L.E. Lassen	1976-1983	Southern FES
T.H. Ellis	1984-1992	Southern FES

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Jerry SESCO, Director Southeastern
Forest Experiment Station, 1985-1988

The SNEP Team

Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project

Steering Committee

As outlined in Congressional direction, this committee oversees the project.

Jim Space, Chair

Station Director, Pacific Southwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service, USDA

George Bartholomew

University of California, Los Angeles (emeritus) and member, National Academy of Sciences;

Dennis Breedlove

Curator, Department of Botany, California Academy of Sciences

Bruce Kilgore

Western Region Chief, Natural Resources and Research, National Park Service, USDI;

Jeffrey Romm

Professor, University of California, Berkeley

Jerry Sesco

Deputy Director of Research, U.S. Forest Service, USDA

Science Team

Selected by the Steering Committee, this independent panel of scientists is responsible for the compilation and synthesis of existing data regarding the ecosystem components in the Sierra Nevada.

- **Don C. Erman, Team Leader** - University of California, Centers for Water and Wildland Resources (freshwater ecology, riparian management, fisheries, limnology);
- **Michael G. Barbour** - University of California, Davis, Environmental Horticulture (vegetation ecology, west slope Sierra Nevada forests, changing landscapes);
- **Norm Christensen** - Duke University, Environmental Science (plant ecology, southern Sierra Nevada, historical vegetation change, disturbance regimes, biogeochemical cycles, giant sequoia);
- **Frank W. Davis** - University of California, Santa Barbara, Geography (biogeography, GIS, remote sensing, gap analysis, foothill plant communities, vegetation mapping, wildlife habitat analysis);
- **Jeff Dozier** - University of California, Santa Barbara, Geography (snow hydrology, hydrology, remote sensing, physical geography, alpine);
- **Harrison Dunning** - University of California, Davis, Law (water, environmental and public land law, environmental policy and decision-making);
- **Deborah L. Elliott-Fisk** - University of California, Office of the President, Natural Reserve System (landscape and systems ecology, Quaternary environmental dynamics, geomorphology, soils, biogeography, alpine environments, eastern Sierra Nevada);
- **Jerry F. Franklin** - University of Washington, College of Forest Resources (forest ecology, managed ecosystems, old-growth forests, new forestry);
- **David M. Graber** - USDI, National Biological Survey, Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks (terrestrial vertebrate ecology, vegetation ecology, biological inventory, southern Sierra Nevada);
- **Norman K. Johnson** - Oregon State University, College of Forestry (forest planning and management, policy analysis, forest modeling);
- **John Menke** - University of California, Davis, Agronomy and Range Science (range ecology, modeling, riparian systems, sustainable land management, grazing systems);

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SOUTHERN RESEARCH STATION



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North American Forest Commission Met in Asheville, November 1996

The Eighteenth Session of the North American Forest Commission (NAFC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations was in Asheville, November 18-22, 1996. USDA Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas hosted the meeting, along with the head of the Canadian Forest Service, Dr. Yvan Hardy, the Undersecretary for Natural Resources for Mexico, Dr. Oscar Gonzalez, and the Assistant Director General for Forestry, FAO, Dr. David Harcharik. NAFC was established in 1959 and currently supports collaborative research and natural resource management in Mexico, the United States, and Canada in seven areas: fire management, insects and diseases, atmospheric change and forests, silviculture, forest genetic resources, neotropical migratory species, and forest products.

The session began with a visit to the Southern Research Station on Monday to view 75th Anniversary Open House exhibits about current research projects. Members of the Commission also visited several local sites associated with forest research and forest products. Chief Thomas held a listening session with Station employees after the commission meeting was over.



Shown at Bent Creek: David Loftis, Jerry SESCO, Pete Roussopoulos, Jack Ward Thomas

Ecological Unit Map Now on CD

The Southern Research Station has collaborated with the Southern Region, and other Forest Service partners, to produce a CD-ROM version of the 1995 map: "Ecological Units of the Eastern US-First Approximation." In support of Forest Service policy of using an ecological approach to resource management, this map is the latest in a series that delineates ecological units from continental to local scales. Henry McNab, the SRS participant in this national project, has a small supply of CDs for distribution to potential SRS users who have access to a geographic information system. He is seeking review and comments on the map and upon request will send a CD to one person at each field unit. National Forests are beginning to use ecological units for planning, assessment, and monitoring. Henry would like SRS researchers in all disciplines to consider whether these ecological units might be useful in their work. For example, could researchers use the map to indicate on which ecological units land managers could apply specific study results? Contact Henry via DG at H.McNab:S33A for more information.

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Lewis to Succeed SESCO in WO

Jerry SESCO has been named a Special Assistant to the Chief for strategic policy issues, and Robert Lewis, Jr., has been appointed his successor as Deputy Chief—Research, in the FS Washington Office.

In announcing the two appointments, which are effective April 13, Chief Mike Dombeck expressed the need for the agency to "deal with strategic policy issues before they become crises." Jerry's experience "makes him especially well suited to help the agency to become more proactively involved in emerging strategic planning, policy, and science issues," said Mike. Robert is currently Director of the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, headquartered in Radnor, Pa., and brings to his new position more than 20 years of research experience. Before becoming Station Director in 1992, he was a Staff Assistant to the Deputy Chief—Research, in the FS WO, and then Assistant Director for Planning/Application, at the Northeastern Station. Jerry became Deputy Chief—Research in 1988, and before then, was Director of the Southeastern Station, at Asheville, N.C.