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(EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: You and your representatives are invited to attend a press conference with Senator Lee Metcalf prior to the dedication, at 7:15 p.m. in the Forestry Sciences Lab conference room.)

FORESTRY LAB DEDICATION WILL FEATURE SENATOR METCALF

Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the U.S. Forest Service's new Forestry Sciences Laboratory in Missoula, Friday (May 19, according to Joseph F. Pechanec, director of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Ogden.

The dedication program at 2 p.m. will be followed by an open house and tour of the laboratory.

Both Senators Metcalf and Mansfield have actively supported needed expansions in forestry research by the U.S. Forest Service. They expressed strong interest in development of the internationally known Northern Forest Fire Laboratory just west of Missoula, which was dedicated in 1960.

They and Representatives Arnold Olsen and James Battin were active in support of establishing the Forestry Sciences Laboratory on the campus of Montana State University at Bozeman, which was dedicated in 1963, as well as the Forestry Science Laboratory in Missoula that is being dedicated Friday.

Dr. George M. Jemison, deputy chief of the U.S. Forest Service and in charge of its nationwide program of research, will be official representative of the Forest Service and will formally open the laboratory. Dr. Jemison is not a newcomer to Missoula, having started his Forest Service career there in forestry research in 1931. He returned as director of the former Northern Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station during the period 1950-1954.
The dedication program will also include an invocation by the Rev. Robert C. Anderson of the University Congregational Church in Missoula; a welcome by President Robert T. Pantzer of the University of Montana; remarks by Gareth C. Moon, state forester of Montana; and introduction of the principal speaker by Dr. Arnold W. Bolle, dean of the university's School of Forestry. Local arrangements for the dedication have been handled by E. S. Kotok, director's representative in Missoula.

"We are greatly pleased with this laboratory building," declared Director Pechanec. "Its strategic location on the University of Montana campus will facilitate valuable cooperation between Forest Service and University scientists, and its special facilities will promote research that will be valuable to Montana and the entire northern Rocky Mountain region."

The Forestry Sciences Laboratory is on East Beckwith Street, one block south of the School of Forestry. It is headquarters for major Forest Service research projects in silviculture, wildlife habitat and management, forest insects, improvement of wood processing, forest products marketing, and wilderness management. Its 13,330 square feet of floor provide offices for resident scientists, laboratories, a combined library and conference room, and storage space.