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On Feb. 1 the University of Montana and the United States Forest Service join hands in another cooperative effort for the benefit of the people of Montana and the nation.

The new \$400,000 Forestry Sciences laboratory just constructed south of the School of Forestry on the UM campus in Missoula will become operational after the Feb. 1 moving date.

Ed Kotok, director's representative for the lab, announced the move Friday (Jan. 13). He said the location of the lab on the campus would provide closer co-operation with the UM Forestry School in research projects pertinent to the future of the Northwest's forests.

Kotok and 12 other Federal scientists working with him will become faculty affiliates. They have been conducting their research in the Federal Building in downtown Missoula.

Current research projects include (1) silviculture of western larch and Engelmann spruce; (2) wildlife habitat research in a transition forest; (3) improvement of western wood types--their processing and forest utilization; (4) forest entomology of bark beetles; (5) entomology of defoliating, i.e. leaf-eating, insects and (6) marketing. A proposed project deals with recreation in wilderness and other remote areas.

The building is the first stage of a two-stage project costing an estimated \$800,000 when completed. Besides the 13 scientists there will be 8 to 10 summer aids and technicians affiliated with the University. A four person clerical unit also will be employed.

No date has been set for the construction of the second phase of the project.