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DULUTH -- A Forest Products Utilization Research Project aimed at achieving more complete use of second-growth timber and solving wood utilization problems involving species of the North Central states has been established on the UMD campus.

The announcement came in a joint statement from UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland and David King, Director of the North Central Forest Experiment Station of the Forest Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, St. Paul campus.

Richard M. Marden, a native of Iowa, heads the project. He holds an M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota and has a total of 20 years' experience in industrial management, teaching and research. For the last 11 years he has been a forest projects technologist with the Forest Service.

Other members of the staff include Charles L. Stayton, Fred M. Lamb and Matti J. Hyvarinen.

The utilization research will be closely coordinated with that of the Timber Marketing Research Project under Dr. Dean Quinney, which was first established in 1962.

The combined marketing-utilization research staff now consists of 11 scientists in forest projects utilization, marketing and economics plus six support personnel.

Both the marketing and utilization project offices are located on the main floor of the Old Main building on UMD's lower campus at 23rd Ave. East and 5th Street.

Both Darland and King said that these additions will strengthen the center's program of research and help to achieve the goal of increasing the economic contributions in jobs and incomes from the northern Lake States forest resources.

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Stayton received his M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Raleigh. He has worked in the timber laminating industry in Illinois and has been a forest projects technologist with the Forest Service the past two years.

Hyvarinen is a native of Finland and graduated in forestry from the University of Helsinki. He held various posts with the Finnish Forest Service and the Forest Research Institute in Finland.

He holds an M.A. degree and has completed most of his requirements for a Ph.D. in wood technology at the University of Michigan. A naturalized U.S. citizen, Hyvarinen worked for the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company for 10 years.

Lamb received his M.A. degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1962. He comes to the Forest Service from the Canadian Forest Projects Laboratory in Ottawa, Ontario, where he was research officer in wood utilization.