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## US Forest Service delegation visits ICFRE

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**DEHRADUN, 10 Jun:** A three member delegation of the United States Forest Service (USFS), led by Dr Toral Patel-Weynand, Senior Advisor, Bioclimatology visited the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) here, today, to discuss possible areas of collaborative research in the field of forests and climate change.

Dr VK Bahuguna, Director General of ICFRE along with the officers and scientists of the Council and the Forest Research Institute (FRI) had an interactive session with the members of the delegation in the Board Room of the FRI. A brief



presentation was made highlighting the various research activities of the Council.

The USFS delegation discussed various research

activities undertaken by the USFS, and showed a keen interest in future collaboration with ICFRE on forests and climate change studies. The areas discussed and identified

for collaboration include inventorisation and monitoring of forests carbon stocks, forest ecosystem based research and assessments, modeling and projections to understand

climate change impact and adaptation needs in the forestry sector, livelihood issues, frontier research in genetics and tree improvement, and capacity building initiatives.