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United States Forest Service keen to work with ICFRE

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The United States Forest Service has shown keen interest in future collaboration with the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education on forests and climate change studies. Toral Patel-Weynand, Senior Advisor, Bioclimatology heading a three member delegation of the USFS said this while interacting with senior officials during a visit to the ICFRE in Dehradun on Friday. The delegation visited Dehradun to discuss possible areas of collaborative research in the field of forests and climate change.

The ICFRE Director General VK Bahuguna along with the scientists and officers of the council and the Forest Research Institute (FRI) participated in an interactive session with the members of the delegation in the Board Room



of the FRI. A brief presentation was made to highlight the various research activities undertaken by the council

The USFS delegation discussed various research activities undertaken by the USFS, and showed a keen interest for future collaboration with ICFRE on forests and climate change studies. The areas discussed and identified for collaboration include 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. The FRI director SS Negi and other scientists were also present during the meet.