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David Wear is project leader for forest economics and policy research with the USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station. Located in Research Triangle Park, NC, he leads a team of researchers addressing forest forecasting, timber market analysis, management of risks, and forest policies.

An active researcher, Wear has published numerous articles and book chapters and has a strong interest in applying interdisciplinary research to address questions regarding sustainable forestry. His experience in assessments includes contributions to the Southern Appalachian Assessment in 1996, leading the Southern Forest Resource Assessment in 2002, and participation in the ongoing National Resources Planning Act Assessments.

Wear's 30-year Forest Service career consists of 24 years with research and 6 with national forest planning. Wear has been with the Southern Research Station since 1987, first as a research forest economist and now as project leader. Prior to that, Wear spent 6 years with the Lolo National Forest in Missoula, MT in the planning staff and as an operations research analyst and an information manager and analyst. Wear complements his professional career by serving as adjunct faculty for Duke University and North Carolina State University.

Wear holds a B.S. in botany from the University of Montana, an M.S. in forestry from Duke University, and a Ph.D. in forest management from the University of Montana.

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