

## **McIntire-Stennis Act**

The McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Program provides federal funds for forestry research at various universities throughout the country. In California, the University of California, Humboldt State University, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo receive funding from the McIntire-Stennis Act, according to a formula set by the director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Based on the Administrative Manual for the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Program:

The scope of forestry research which may be conducted under the McIntire-Stennis (M-S) Act includes investigations relating to:

- \* reforestation and management of land for the production of timber and other related products of the forest
- \* management of forest and related watershed lands to improve conditions of water flow and to protect resources against floods and erosion
- \* management of forest and related rangeland for production of forage for domestic livestock and game and improvement of food and habitat for wildlife
- \* management of forest lands for outdoor recreation protection of forest and resources against fire, insects, diseases, or other destructive agents;
- \* utilization of wood and other forest products development of sound policies for the management of forest lands and the harvesting and marketing of forest products
- \* such other studies as may be necessary to obtain the fullest and most effective use of forest resources

Under the current College of Natural Resources (CNR) administrative structure, the overall research program of every faculty member is reviewed regularly for relevance to CNR and the systemwide Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) missions, excellence of science, and quality of future research plans. This review is conducted by the CNR faculty Research Committee (RESCOM). All funds designated for support of faculty research, including McIntire-Stennis funds, are then allocated by the Dean to faculty members' projects according to the rating received from the RESCOM. This new review program has improved the allocation of these research funds by putting them on a merit basis within CNR. Following federal guidelines for all Federal Formula Funds, McIntire-Stennis funds are allocated only to those faculty members who have active McIntire-Stennis projects.