

Assistant ag secretary asks wood conservation

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. - The United States must learn to conserve wood, rather than increase timber production, if there is to be enough wood to meet society's future needs, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture M. Rupert Cutler said.

"Today's natural resources are becoming scarcer and more difficult and costly to extract," Cutler said. "Now and in the future it may well be cheaper to conserve than to produce additional

resources. We must restructure our policies to address these new realities.

"We must deliberately seek to hold down the rise in demand for raw timber by meeting consumer demand more efficiently," he said.

"We can do this by increasing the recovery of wood fiber in high-value products, by improving the efficiency in using wood products for construction and other purposes, and by developing wood fiber recycling systems to reduce

our reliance on new wood fiber," he said.

Cutler said ways to improve efficiency include:

- Using experimental truss-frame house designs that could save a billion board feet of lumber a year;

- Using smaller pieces of lumber to make wide-width and long lumber could save another billion board feet per year; and

- Making stronger papers from lower quality pulps.

Cutler said some future increases in timber production were possible

from public forests, but the more promising opportunities to increase production are on private lands. However, he said, the overall increase would not be enough to meet current trends in demands, unless wood conservation practices are also adopted.

Cutler announced plans to provide centralized expertise for dealing with problems of managing pest vegetation, the brush which competes with new forest plantation. He said this expertise in research and

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technology will provide policy for using environmentally acceptable ways to control vegetation on forests and rangelands.

Because of the growing public concern about the use of phenoxy herbicides, Cutler said he had instructed the department's Forest

Service to use special criteria to decide when the application of the herbicide 2,4-D is appropriate. He said using these criteria will limit the use of this chemical to the most essential needs and consideration of human health and environmental concerns.



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