



## NATIONAL COALITION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Media Advisory

### FROM STUMP TO PUMP

*“Cellulosic Biofuels From America’s National Forests Ready to Make the Leap Forward”*

**Washington, DC** – October 1 – Research into factors creating favorable economics for forestry biomass is the subject of the eighth 2008 National C-FAR “Lunch~N~Learn” Hill Seminar on Monday, October 6, from 12:00–12:55 p.m. in 1300 Longworth House Office Building. The featured speaker is Dr. Theodore Wegner, USDA Forest Products Lab, in Madison, WI.

“Targeted investments in research, development, and deployment and public/private partnerships are critical to economically using forest biomass for liquid transportation fuels in ecologically sound, socially acceptable, and sustainable ways,” states Dr. Wegner.

“We are pleased to feature how research can help develop a balanced approach to utilizing forest biomass,” said M. Stephanie Patrick, President of the National Coalition for Food & Agricultural Research (National C-FAR). “This presentation is an excellent example of how federally funded food and agriculture research and extension can produce the scientific outcomes and outreach needed to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges and opportunities, both today and in the future.”

Dr. Theodore (Ted) Wegner is Assistant Director of the U.S. Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory (Madison, WI). Dr. Wegner has been a leader in helping define the U.S. Forest Service research agenda for the forest biorefinery and forest biomass to liquid transportation fuels. He serves as the Forest Service lead on a consortium developing the science and technologies needed to economically produce ethanol from woodchips extracted prior to pulping. Wegner directs R&D on cellulosic ethanol production from forest biomass and serves as Forest Service lead on a forest biorefinery deployment consortium. Wegner has also been a leader in advancing nanotechnology within the forest products industry.

The seminar is open to the public and the media.

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