

**The Center for BioEnergy Sustainability (CBES)
At Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)**

**is pleased to announce that we are holding our next Forum on August 16th, 2012 in
the Ocoee Room (Room 189) in Building 1505 at 3:30pm**

*The forum will be followed by a casual gathering at Virginia Dale's home where light refreshments will be enjoyed as the
discussions continue.*

This month's forum topic is:

“Vested in Carbon: Perspectives of a Large US Forest Owner”

Guest Speaker:

Mike Jostrom

Director of Renewable Resources for Plum Creek Timber Company

Plum Creek Timber Company is the largest owner of private land in the US and sustainably manages its forest land for a variety of wood and forestry products. Mike Jostrom, Director of Renewable Resources for Plum Creek, will discuss the importance of robust forestry markets, including bioenergy, for encouraging private owners to invest in forest health and productivity and the ongoing management of these lands as forests. Private working forests are recognized as an important tool for mitigating atmospheric carbon because growing forests capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and turn it into a solid form - wood. Then, the carbon in wood is stored within houses and buildings for a very long time while saving energy compared to other materials. And bioenergy prevents the release of permanently stored carbon from the burning of fossil fuels. Long term investments by forest owners that are stimulated by robust forestry markets improve the ability of forests to contribute these important carbon benefits, along with an array of other vital public services.

Bio

Mike Jostrom is the Director of Renewable Resources for Plum Creek Timber Company and is based in Seattle. Mike works on Plum Creek's business development team and is responsible for securing a positive policy and business environment for growing the renewable energy business. Mike has been with Plum Creek for over 30 years and has worked in forestry and timber management, habitat conservation planning, and more recently has led Plum Creek's forest productivity and harvest planning teams. Mike has a bachelor's degree in forest management from Washington State University and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Program for Management Development. He is a longtime member of the Society of American Foresters.

**Please mark your calendar for every third Thursday for 2012 so that you can join in the
collaboration and camaraderie that is being built by your participation in the CBES forums.**