

April 30, 2019

Statement [[of the Board of Directors]] regarding the Institute of Forest Biosciences:

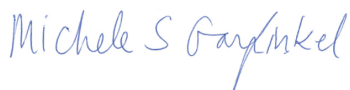
After twenty years of ground-breaking work at the forefront of forest science and biotechnology, The Institute of Forest Biosciences (the IFB), formerly the Institute of Forest Biotechnology, will be closing its doors on May 31, 2019.

The IFB transitioned from a decade focused on genetically-modified trees and forest biotechnology to a focus on the use of scientific tools to preserve the health and productivity of our global forests.

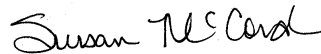
Over the past two decades the IFB has been a leader in advancing responsible forest science through dialogue with diverse partnerships and stakeholders, while fostering an ethos of stewardship of the world's forests and forest resources.

We thank the many government, industry and public interest partners, former board members and individuals who supported the important work of the IFB.

IFB reports and publications can be found on the website, <http://forestbio.org>.



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