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## **WSRI Selects New Executive Director**

Washington, DC – Crad Jaynes WSRI Board Chair announced that Steve Carruth has been selected to replace retiring WSRI Executive Director Jim Fendig. The official appointment will be made at the May 2016 WSRI Annual Meeting. In making this announcement Jaynes noted, “We carefully reviewed the applications of the top five candidates for this position and the Search Committee was unanimous in its selection of Steve. He will bring excellent forest industry knowledge and association management skills to WSRI. We expect Steve will continue the strong record of planning and completing valuable WSRI wood fiber supply chain research projects compiled by Jim Fendig over the past 14 years.”

Jim Fendig, the current WRSI Executive Director also noted, “WSRI is pleased to see Steve Carruth return to WSRI service. Not many know he was the original executive director (on loan from Westvaco Corp) when WSRI was established 17 years ago.”

Carruth’s education and work experience includes: BSF – Virginia Tech, MSF-West Virginia Uni., Procurement Forester-Westvaco, Harvesting Research Project Leader-Westvaco, Wood Flow and Administrative Supervisor-MeadWestvaco, and Operations Manager – KapStone Charleston Kraft.

**The Wood Supply Research Institute [WSRI](#)** is a joint project of professional loggers, forest landowners, wood consuming mills, educators, and manufacturers that facilitates and funds research to promote and improve efficiency in the wood supply system.