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Forestry Work Improved

Missoula, July 25. — Dr. J. E. Kirkwood, professor of forestry at the University of Montana, left this week on a tour of several of the national forests of western Montana and Idaho. At the completion of the trip, Dr. Kirkwood will have visited the LoLo, Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, Komihsu, Blackfeet and Flathead forests. He then intends to join Professor M. J. Elrod, head of the Department of Biology, in the Glacier National Park, and in company with him devote some time there to the work being conducted in that region by Dr. Elrod.

The work is to be of a scientific character, and will be done wholly in the interest of the state university. The results obtained from the various observations and investigations made during the tour will be used for instruction purposes in the departments of forestry and biology. Especial care will be devoted to the collection of data and material that may be of subsequent use in the short forestry course for the rangers. Although this is a con-

paratively new branch of educational work at the University it has met with the favor of all those who have availed themselves of the opportunity to broaden their knowledge along these lines.

When starting on his summer trip Professor Kirkwood said, "It is proposed to visit several of the national forests in order to get into touch with the personnel and practice of the Forest Service in its field operations. The tour will serve to furnish specimens, photographs and data for use in the University. The operations of special interest to be observed are the nursery and the reforestation experiments, forest protection and fire patrols, timber sales, reconnaissance work and segregation of lands for settlement.

This work will undoubtedly prove to be of great value to the University. This coming year's work in forestry at the state school promises to be productive of advantage to the student not to be had elsewhere. Dr. Kirkwood has studied at some of the leading graduate schools of this country, receiving his doctor's degree from Columbia University, and is a very able scientist. He has contributed articles to prominent magazines on botanical and forestry subjects. Professor Kirkwood taught at Columbia as assistant in botany, and later came to the University of Montana in 1909 from the Desert Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution. The scope of the state university is enlarging and it is in keeping with this fact that such work as that of Dr. Kirkwood is undertaken.