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CEMRI project illustrates a powerful approach for integrated tracking of environmental conditions, development of models for predicting responses of forest and aquatic processes to perturbations, estimation of future forest conditions, and identification of threats to watershed health and forest sustainability. This paper discusses the development of the CEMRI in the DRB and methods to address environmental issues across multiple spatial and temporal scales.

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