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Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**Forest Oil Corporation**  
**707 Seventeenth St., Suite 3600, Denver, Colorado 80202**  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders**  
**to Be Held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

*The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:  
<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/fst>*

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information contained in the proxy  
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timely delivery.*

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Dear Shareholder:

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Forest Oil Corporation (the "Company") will be held at the Marriott Hotel, 1701 California St., Denver, CO 80202, on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. (MDT).

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

1. Election of two Class III directors to serve until the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders of the Company;
2. Approval of an additional 500,000 shares for issuance under the Forest Oil Corporation 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and certain administrative changes;
3. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the year ending December 31, 2009; and
4. Consideration of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" each of the proposals referred to above.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 13, 2009 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

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Shareholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. You may vote in person by attending the annual meeting of shareholders to be held at the Marriott Hotel located on the corner of 18th and California Streets in downtown Denver.

### **Meeting Location:**

Marriott Hotel  
1701 California St.  
Denver, CO 80202

The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online at: <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/fst>

the Company's Notice of Annual Meeting and 2009 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);

the Company's Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2008 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and

any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareholders.

To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials, please call 1-888-313-0164, or you may request a paper copy by email at [shrrelations@bnymellon.com](mailto:shrrelations@bnymellon.com), or by logging on to <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/fst>.

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