

FOREST OIL CORP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Forest Oil Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

25-0484900
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

707 Seventeenth Street

Suite 3600

Denver, Colorado 80202

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(Address, including zip code, of Principal Executive Offices)

Forest Oil Corporation 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Cyrus D. Marter IV

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

707 Seventeenth Street

Suite 3600

Denver, Colorado 80202

(303) 812-1400

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

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New York, New York 10103

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company o

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee (2)
Common Stock, \$0.10 par value per share				
To be issued under the 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (3)	500,000 shares	\$ 16.99	\$ 8,495,000	\$ 475

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act), this registration statement also covers any additional shares of Common Stock that are issued pursuant to the Forest Oil Corporation 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan as a result of any stock dividend, stock split, or similar transaction.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee in accordance with Rules 457(c) and Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act, based on the average of the high and low prices per share of Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange composite tape on June 19, 2009.

(3) Includes associated stock purchase rights, which automatically trade with common stock. Prior to the occurrence of certain events, the preferred stock purchase rights will not be evidenced or traded separately from the common stock. Value attributable to the preferred stock purchase rights, if any, is reflected in the market price of the common stock.

GENERAL INSTRUCTION E

EXPLANATORY NOTE REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL SHARES

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed by Forest Oil Corporation (Forest) to register the issuance of an additional 500,000 shares of common stock, \$0.10 par value per share, of Forest that may be issued pursuant to the Forest Oil Corporation 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan) under the Securities Act. Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-81529) filed by Forest with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on June 25, 1999 registering the issuance of 125,000 shares of common stock under the Plan and the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-127873) filed by Forest with the SEC on August 26, 2005 registering the issuance of 175,000 shares of common stock under the Plan are incorporated herein by reference to the extent not replaced hereby.

Pursuant to instructions to Part I of Form S-8, the prospectus that is to be used for Forest s issuance of the shares of common stock subject to the Plan is omitted from this Registration Statement.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by the Company with the Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

(a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008;

(b) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009;

(c) Current Reports on Form 8-K (excluding those filings made under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01) dated February 11, 2009, February 11, 2009, February 17, 2009, March 6, 2009, March 16, 2009, May 11, 2009, May 19, 2009, and May 21, 2009; and

(d) All documents filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K) subsequent to the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report on Form 10-K referred to in paragraph (a) above and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment hereto that indicates that all securities offered have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall, except to the extent otherwise provided by Regulation S-K or any other rule promulgated by the Commission, be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing such documents. Any statements contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other document subsequently filed or incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Executive Officers

Sections 721 through 725 of the Business Corporation Law of the State of New York (the "BCL"), in which Forest Oil Corporation is incorporated, permit New York corporations, acting through their boards of directors, to extend broad protection to their directors, officers, and other employees by way of indemnity and advancement of expenses. These sections (1) provide that the statutory indemnification provisions of the BCL are not exclusive, provided that no indemnification may be made to or on behalf of any director or officer if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the director or officer establishes that his acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or that he personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which he was not entitled, (2) establish procedures for indemnification and advancement of expenses that may be contained in the certificate of incorporation or bylaws, or, when authorized by either of the foregoing, set forth in a resolution of the shareholders or directors or an agreement providing for indemnification and advancement of expenses, (3) apply a single standard for statutory indemnification for third-party and derivative suits by providing that indemnification is available if the director or officer acted, in good faith, for a purpose which he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation, and, in criminal actions, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful, (4) eliminate the requirement for mandatory statutory indemnification that the indemnified party be wholly successful, and (5) provide for the advancement of litigation expenses upon a receipt of an undertaking to repay such advance if the director or officer is ultimately determined not to be entitled to indemnification. Section 726 of the BCL permits the purchase of insurance to indemnify a corporation or its officers and directors to the extent permitted. Essentially, the amended BCL allows corporations to provide for indemnification of directors, officers, and employees except in those cases where a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the indemnified party establishes that the acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty or that the indemnified party personally gained a financial profit or other advantage to which he was not legally entitled.

Article IX of the Bylaws of Forest Oil Corporation contains very broad indemnification provisions that permit the Company to avail itself of the amended BCL to extend broad protection to its directors, officers, and employees by way of indemnity and advancement of expenses. It sets out the standard under which the Company will indemnify directors and officers, provides for reimbursement in such instances, for the advancement or reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred in defending an action, and for the extension of indemnity to persons other than directors and officers. It also establishes the manner of handling indemnification when a lawsuit is settled. It is not intended that this Bylaw is an exclusive method of indemnification.

We carry directors and officers liability insurance coverage designed to insure our officers and directors and those of our subsidiaries against certain liabilities incurred by them in the performance of their duties, and also providing for reimbursement in certain cases to us and our subsidiaries for sums paid to directors and officers as indemnification for similar liability.

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Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Forest Oil Corporation dated October 14, 1993, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(i) to Form 10-Q for Forest Oil Corporation for the quarter ended September 30, 1993 (File No. 0-4597).
4.2	Certificate of Amendment of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, dated as of July 20, 1995, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(i)(a) to Form 10-Q for Forest Oil Corporation for the quarter ended June 30, 1995 (File No. 0-4597).
4.3	Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation, dated as of July 26, 1995, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(i)(b) to Form 10-Q for Forest Oil Corporation for the quarter ended June 30, 1995 (File No. 0-4597).
4.4	Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation dated as of January 5, 1996, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(i)(c) to Forest Oil Corporation Registration Statement on Form S-2 dated January 25, 1996 (File No. 33-64949).
4.5	Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation dated as of December 7, 2000, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(i)(d) to Form 10-K for Forest Oil Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2000 (File No. 001-13515).
4.6	Bylaws of Forest Oil Corporation Restated as of February 14, 2001 as amended by Amendments No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Form 10-Q for Forest Oil Corporation for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 (File No. 001-13515).
4.7	Indenture dated December 7, 2001 between Forest Oil Corporation and State Street Bank and Trust Company, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to Forest Oil Corporation's Registration Statement on Form S-4 dated February 6, 2002 (File No. 333-82254).
4.8	Indenture dated as of April 25, 2002 between Forest Oil Corporation and State Street Bank and Trust Company, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to Forest Oil Corporation's Registration Statement on Form S-4 dated June 11, 2002 (File No. 333-90220).
4.9	Indenture dated as of June 6, 2007 between Forest Oil Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Form 10-Q for Forest Oil Corporation for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 (File No. 001-13515).
4.10	Indenture dated as of February 17, 2009 among Forest Oil Corporation, Forest Oil Permian Corporation, and U.S. Bank National Association, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-K for Forest Oil Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2008 (File No. 001-13515).
4.11	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of July 10, 2000, by and between Forest Oil Corporation and the other signatories thereto, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.15 to Forest Oil Corporation Registration Statement on Form S-4 dated November 6, 2000 (File No. 333-49376).
4.12	Registration Rights Agreement by and among Forest Oil Corporation, Forest Oil Permian Corporation and Banc of America Securities LLC, for itself and on behalf of the several Initial Purchasers dated as of May 22, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-Q for Forest Oil Corporation for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 (File No. 001-13515).
4.13	Registration Rights Agreement by and among Forest Oil Corporation, Forest Oil Permian Corporation and J.P.Morgan Securities Inc., Banc of America Securities LLC, BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., TD Securities (USA) Inc., Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC dated February 17, 2009, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (File No. 001-13515).
4.14	First Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of October 17, 2003, between Forest Oil Corporation and Mellon Investor Services LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K for Forest Oil Corporation dated October 17, 2003 (File No. 001-13515).
4.15	Mortgage, Deed of Trust, Assignment, Security Agreement, Financing Statement and Fixture Filing from Forest Oil Corporation to Robert C. Mertensotto, trustee, and Gregory P. Williams, trustee (Utah), and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Global Administrative Agent, dated as of December 7, 2000, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.13 to Form 10-K for Forest Oil Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2000 (File No. 001-13515).
4.16	U.S. Credit Agreement Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 6, 2007 among Forest Oil Corporation, each of the lenders that is party thereto, Bank of America,

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- N.A. and Citibank, N.A., as Co-Global Syndication Agents, BNP Paribas, BMO Capital Markets Financing, Inc., Credit Suisse, Cayman Islands Branch, and Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., as Co-U.S. Documentation Agents, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Global Administrative Agent, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to Form 10-Q for Forest Oil Corporation for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 (File No. 001-13515).
- 4.17 Canadian Credit Agreement Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 6, 2007 among Canadian Forest Oil Ltd., each of the lenders party thereto, Bank of America, N.A. and Citibank, N.A., as Co-Global Syndication Agents, Bank of Montreal and The Toronto Dominion Bank, as Co-Canadian Documentation Agents, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Toronto Branch, as Canadian Administrative Agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Global Administrative Agent, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to Form 10-Q for Forest Oil Corporation for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 (File No. 001-13515).
- 4.18 First Amendment dated May 9, 2008 to Second Amended and Restated Combined Credit Agreements dated June 6, 2007 among Forest Oil Corporation, Canadian Forest Oil Ltd., each of the lenders that is a party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Global Administrative Agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Toronto Branch, as Canadian Administrative Agent, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Forest's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 9, 2008 (File No. 001-13515).
- 4.19 Second Amendment dated March 16, 2009, to Second Amended and Restated Combined Credit Agreements dated June 6, 2007, among Forest Oil Corporation, Canadian Forest Oil Ltd., each of the lenders that is a party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Global Administrative Agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Toronto Branch, as Canadian Administrative Agent., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 for Form 8-K for Forest Oil Corporation dated March 16, 2009 (File No. 001-13515).
- 4.20 Forest Oil Corporation 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A to Forest's Proxy Statement, Schedule 14A (File No. 001-13515) filed on March 26, 2009.
- 5.1* Opinion of counsel regarding legality of securities to be offered
- 23.1* Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 23.2* Consent of DeGolyer and MacNaughton.
- 23.3* Consent of counsel (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1* Powers of Attorney (included in the signature pages hereof).

* Filed herewith.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Denver, State of Colorado, on this 22nd day of June, 2009.

FOREST OIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ H. CRAIG CLARK
H. Craig Clark
President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints H. Craig Clark, David H. Keyte, and Cyrus D. Marter IV, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement (including post-effective amendments and registration statements filed pursuant to Rule 462 or otherwise) and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and the other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby grants to such attorneys-in-fact and agents and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated.

Signatures	Title	Date
	President and Chief Executive Officer and	
/s/ H. CRAIG CLARK	Director	June 22, 2009
H. Craig Clark	(Principal Executive Officer)	
	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial	
/s/ DAVID H. KEYTE	Officer	June 22, 2009
David H. Keyte	(Principal Financial Officer)	
	Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and	
/s/ VICTOR A. WIND	Corporate Controller	June 22, 2009
Victor A. Wind	(Principal Accounting Officer)	
/s/ JAMES D. LIGHTNER	Chairman of the Board	June 22, 2009
James D. Lightner		
/s/ LOREN K. CARROLL	Director	June 22, 2009
Loren K. Carroll		

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/s/ DOD A. FRASER		Director	June 22, 2009
Dod A. Fraser			
/s/ JAMES H. LEE		Director	June 22, 2009
James H. Lee			
/s/ PATRICK R. MCDONALD		Director	June 22, 2009
Patrick R. McDonald			

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