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Good morning everyone;

Yep, it's Monday again. A couple of information items in the Branch this week, including health insurance and pesticide applicator certification.

I was on a video call with the other southern-group state foresters on Friday talking about potential COVID-19 relief related to forestry in case there is another relief package. Compared to the rest of the south, it sounds like Virginia is doing a little better than average as far as fiscal impact to the state agencies. Of course we will not know the real impact here until August or September. Florida and Alabama were not on the call because they were dealing with some significant fire activity.

One other note related to the state foresters; Barry Cook, state forester of West Virginia, passed away last weekend due to injuries sustained in an accident at home. I reached out to Tina Payne, WVDOP Deputy Director, to share our condolences and support for their agency.

Continue to be safe everyone and have a good week.

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