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Good morning DOF;

Thanks to everyone that participated in the agency recognition lunch on Thursday. It was a great event as always, thanks to all planning and work by the HR team. Tuckahoe Plantation was a great spot to learn about and experience some Virginia history. The house and the outbuildings there have largely survived intact (with good fortune through several close calls) and they provide a rare glimpse of colonial history. And of course it was great to spend the day with and recognize our folks for their 25, 30, 35, and 40 year service milestones.

This week we will get a look at the future, or at least the new normal since COVD-19. We had been scheduled to send seven people to Asheville, NC for hardwood silviculture training at the USFS Bent Creek Experimental Forest. Instead, this week we will have over 20 DOF people participating in the virtual training at three different sites here in Virginia over four days. Thanks to Dean and Todd and the regions for setting up and supporting the three sessions. It is great to have Bent Creek hardwood silviculture training back in action.

Also, today we will join Secretary Ring, Governor Northam, Ebonie Alexander of the Black Family Land Trust, and NBA all-star Ralph Sampson on his family's farm in Rockingham County for the ceremonial bill signing of the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act. Virginia is the 16th state to pass legislation to help families protect their property ownership after generations of dividing the property amongst heirs.

Be careful and take care of yourselves this week in the crazy heat.

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