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Happy Labor Day everyone;

You couldn't ask for more beautiful weather on a holiday weekend. While we are enjoying this great weather please keep in mind our counterparts in the west as they deal with really unbelievable wildfire conditions. California has already broken their one-year record for acres burned and they still have the bulk of their fire season to go. Fighting that many fires and trying to protect homes in difficult terrain with the intense heat they are experiencing is a nightmare scenario.

Thanks to everyone who signed up for out-of-state deployments this year. I would encourage anyone who may be interested in going on a deployment to get more information and see if it is right for you. Our country needs experienced wildland firefighters and will for the foreseeable future.

Here at DOF, you all saw the job announcement for Area Forester positions that went out last week. This announcement was the first batch in a series of job announcements over the coming months. Positions are open across the agency and in many different roles. As well as area foresters, we have open positions for technicians at the nursery, state forest, and work areas, program positions at HQ for land conservation and utilization and marketing, water quality specialists, an SAF and PST.

My first hope is that our employees will see opportunities for advancement or to move to a preferred location. Please also reach out to your friends and other networks to advertise these positions. This is a huge recruiting effort and it will have a big influence on the agency for years to come so we need to attract great people to serve with us. Hector will be sending out more information about the open positions so you can consider the available options.

Good luck to those of you that are sending kids back to school this week, in whatever form that takes. Have a great week.

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