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Good morning everyone,

Welcome back to a short week, hope you had a good weekend. I will be in Pittsburgh this week for the annual National Association of State Foresters meeting. I want to thank Zach Olinger for hosting the Virginia Farm Bureau Natural Resources Committee meeting last week at the Matthews State Forest. VAFB is the largest advocacy organization for Virginia farm and forest landowners and they have been strong advocates for forest landowners and for active forest management. The tour gave us a chance to teach them a little bit about white pine management, hardwood management and American chestnut research. Ed Zimmer and I also got to sit in on the committee's discussion of their policy positions for the upcoming year. As always, lots of emphasis on the need for and benefits of active forest management. If you have the opportunity to work with VAFB please do so, they are great supporters of the work that we do.

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