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Hello everybody;

I started to list some of the updates in the Branch this week but then I figured you just need to read it. Also attached is a list of changes to the accomplishment codes. You can see from the 'Welcome to VDOF' section that we are continuing to bring in great new folks. I got to talk to Drew Howell yesterday, who is filling our new IT helpdesk position. Having a single point of contact at VDOF for IT questions will be a great resource for the agency going forward.

I am also excited to announce that we have selected Joe Rossetti to serve as the Hardwood Coordinator leading the Hardwood Forest Habitats Initiative. I got to spend a couple of days last week at the training for the current crop of VDOF hardwood foresters to roll out the new state hardwood incentive program. Thanks to the forest management branch for putting that on and thanks to all the foresters for their active participation.

We have a full week this week with the VFA Summit meeting in Harrisonburg, the Board of Forestry meeting on Thursday, and our budget proposals due on Friday. I know you all are busy as well, thank you for making it all happen.

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