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Hello everyone,

Please see the message in this week's Branch regarding Camp Woods and Wildlife. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to serve as staff for this great program. There is always room for more help so please consider participating if you have not already. Getting young people to engage with natural resources management is a critical need and Camp Woods and Wildlife is one of the best ways to introduce young people to the natural resources field and the work that we do. Please find ways to spread the word about camp and encourage participation by young people in your local communities.

This is a very busy time with the General Assembly long session in full swing and the Youngkin administration taking shape. We are very fortunate to have Matt Lohr appointed as Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry. Secretary Lohr brings a wealth of experience as a fifth generation farmer, former Delegate, Commissioner of Agriculture, and national chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. We have already had several opportunities to engage with the Secretary and his team.

Of course we have tremendous gratitude for former Secretary Ring who has transitioned to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative as their Chief Sustainability and Diversity Officer. We look forward to continuing to work with Bettina in her new role.

Governor Youngkin and his team are working through the vast number of decisions that come with setting up an entirely new administration while simultaneously dealing with proposed legislation and the two-year state budget. We look forward to more announcements being shared in the coming weeks and months.

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