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Good morning everyone,

Please read the Branch this week for the current agency COVID guidelines. Congratulations to Justin Barnes on being recognized for his work with the Virginia Master Naturalist program. Thanks to everyone in the agency that works with the volunteers and citizen scientists at VMN. I participated in the Virginia Loggers Association board meeting on Saturday along with Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger. Rep. Spanberger is very interested in forestry and has worked to learn about what we do and has become a strong advocate for forestry in DC. Last week we had a meeting with Secretary Lohr to go through all of the agency budget amendments which provided a good opportunity to talk about the work that VDOF does. We also attended the Rural Caucus Reception where Governor Youngkin spoke about the importance of farming and forestry to the Commonwealth and emphasized his administration's commitment to rural Virginia and ensuring economic opportunities for all Virginians.

Have a good week.

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