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Good evening everyone,

This week, VDOP is hosting the Environment Virginia Conference along with our sister agencies, DCR and DEQ. Tomorrow morning I will be on a panel with Matt Wells (new DCR director) and Mike Rolband (new DEQ director) talking about our plans for our agencies over the next four years. Attached is the question that will be put to me and my thoughts in response. There are lots of expectations for trees and forests in the years ahead.

Related to that, I am excited to have Robbie Talbert temporarily stepping away from his role as central region regional forester in order to take on a special assignment focused on improving our processes and systems and reducing barriers to support accomplishment of more plan and management activities across the state. I have been referring to this goal as VDOP being able to 'touch more acres.' This year we will be working across the agency to focus our efforts on preparing more plans and generating more on-the-ground accomplishments.

Lots more discussions to be had on this. Thanks for all your work, stay safe.

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