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Good morning everyone;

I am writing this morning from The Alice House at the Matthews State Forest. Today we are meeting with regional and headquarters staff from the Department of Wildlife Resources to talk about doing hardwood management – and habitat improvement work - on their Wildlife Management Areas. This will provide a win-win of improved habitat and hunting as well as increased opportunities for demonstration sites.

We are continuing to work through the new guidance from Richmond regarding the of telework. Fortunately, the VDOF has a great story to tell about how we continued to provide great service and remained available to our constituents throughout the pandemic. The new guidance will mean changes for some employees who routinely work in the office but we will continue to strive to provide flexibility for VDOF employees as much as state policy will allow. Look for guidance early next week for employees that are eligible for telework to return their revised telework agreement.

Yesterday, we held our annual agency recognition day for employees reaching service milestones of 25, 30, and 35 years as well as 3-year employees. It was a beautiful day to be at The Frontier Museum in Staunton. Thanks to everyone who came out and to the HR team for putting it together.

Ed Zimmer, Lisa Deaton and I are conducting interviews for the Public Information Director position this week. It is good to see the interest that this position has generated, we have some great candidates and it will be a difficult decision. This position is critical to help us to spread the word of the great work you do and why it is so important. Thanks for everything you are doing.

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