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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carl Garrison, State Forester
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FROM: Matthew L. Gooch
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DATE: May 16, 2013

RE: Standards for Classification of Real Estate as Devoted to Forest Use Under
the Virginia Land Use Assessment Law, 4 VAC 10-20, et seq.

I have reviewed the above-referenced proposed amendments to the regulations regarding standards for classification of real estate devoted to forest use, 4VAC 10-20, *et seq.* It is my opinion that the Department of Forestry has the authority to adopt these amendments pursuant to § 58.1-3230 and § 58.1-3240 of the Code of Virginia

If I may be of any further assistance to you relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.