

**Economic Impact Analysis
4 VAC 10-30- State Forest Regulations
Agency Response to DPB's EIA
Department of Forestry
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The Department of Forestry concurs with the findings of the Department of Planning & Budget. The proposed regulatory amendment will allow persons to carry concealed handguns on State Forest lands so long as they possess a valid concealed weapons permit. The change does not add new responsibilities to state or local officials responsible for enforcing weapons laws. Virginia law allows individuals to carry concealed handguns with a valid concealed weapon permit. The Department of Forestry regulatory amendment would allow valid permit holders to carry their handguns on State Forest properties, which is currently prohibited by regulation.