

**South  
Carolina  
Forestry  
Association**



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April 9, 2014

The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor  
The State of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 12267  
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Dear Governor Haley,

The South Carolina Forestry Association and the South Carolina Timber Producers Association appreciate your strong leadership in protecting South Carolina during the February 11-13, 2014 ice storm.

Thank you for issuing Executive Order 2014-21 allowing our industry to expedite the salvage operations of our state's forests and timberlands as a result of damage from the February ice storm by permitting unmanufactured forest products to be hauled up to a gross vehicle weight of 90,000 pounds.

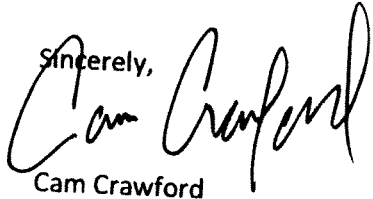
★ We respectfully request an extension to the above mentioned Executive Order effective April 13, 2014.

The Foresters' Council of South Carolina was established to advise the Governor during natural disasters impacting forests in our state. The Foresters' Council represents Federal and State forestry agencies and the forest industry. The Foresters' Council concurs with the need for an extension due to the high volume of debris and downed trees that remain in our state's forests and private timberlands.

As previously stated, the reasons for this emergency request are public safety and the need to reduce the negative economic impact of the storm damage. First, the downed trees and debris have increased the fuel load in our state's forest which needs to be removed to prevent wildfires. Second, debris and fallen trees attract pests that can lead to disease of our forests. Third, our landowners need to salvage timber to reduce their economic losses while it still has value. Fourth, our state's forest products mills have a low supply of timber due to the ice storm. Finally, the substantial damage to our timberlands will most likely take up to six months to clean up and remove with our current logging capacity.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please contact Cam Crawford at 803-798-4170 or Crad Jaynes at 803-957-9919 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Cam Crawford

President & CEO

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