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Subject : RE: Executive Order follow up

Cam,

We will look at this as soon as we can.

Thank you,

Rebecca

From: Cam Crawford [mailto:CCrawford@scforestry.org]

Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2015 2:29 PM

To: Schimsa, Rebecca

Subject: Executive Order follow up

Rebecca,

I am following up from our telephone conversation on Friday.

The State Forestry Commission has estimated the recent timber damage due to flooding to be \$65 million. Attached is a release from the State Forester explaining the situation in more detail.

The SC Forestry Association would like to inquire about whether the Governor will be issuing two executive orders relating to the recent flooding:

1) Will the Governor be invoking her newly created authority to issue an executive order to suspend truck weight limits for a 120 day period during a State of Emergency? See the link below for further information on Senate Bill 358 which Governor Haley signed into law on May 7, 2015:

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/358.htm

By passing Senate Bill 358, the General Assembly recognized the unique role that the forest industry performs during natural disasters. First, it takes 30 days for assessments to occur on forests and timberlands after a natural disaster. Next, it takes 90 - 180 days to remove timber debris due to the limited number of available logging crews to clear and haul the debris. Finally, forest product mills experience a shortage of wood deliveries after a natural disaster.

The recent floods have seriously impacted the availability of timber being delivered to forest product mills in the central and lower parts of South Carolina. One sawmill in Georgetown was closed last week because flood related issues.

2) Will the Governor provide relief for apportioned tags and fuel licenses for trucks coming from Georgia or North Carolina into SC in response to the flooding? If so, this would make it easier for truckers to work across state lines when obtaining timber for the state's forest products mills. Several SC forest products mills have critically low volumes of wood which threatens the operations of the mills which may force job layoffs. Attached is an executive order issued by Governor Campbell during Hurricane Hugo on September 26, 1989 that addressed this issue.

Please feel free to call me at 803-348-7650 with any comments or questions. Thank you.

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