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Attachments: Hurricane Matthew impact on wildfires 100616.pdf  
ATT00001.htm

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Recommended talking point for tomorrow re. High winds and unanticipated impacts.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gene Kodama <kodama@scfc.gov>  
Date: October 6, 2016 at 7:57:15 PM EDT  
To: "Kier, Justin" <jkier@emd.sc.gov>  
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Subject: Upstate Wildfire Hazard

Justin,

Regarding my comment this morning on the Hurricane's predicted impact on wildfire activity, please see the attached announcement that describes the weather conditions to arrive in the upstate after Matthew begins to leave the coast. The upper piedmont and mountains have already been very dry, and the expected extremely low relative humidity and potentially windy conditions will greatly increase the risk of extreme wildfire activity and behavior in that area. Vegetative debris burning and outdoor recreational activities increase in the upstate at this time of year increasing the potential for ignition points. Where possible, landowners and recreational users need to be made aware of the increased danger. Hopefully, the State Forester's Burning Ban and other public warnings will help reduce the risks. We plan to produce a press release to reinforce this message.

Thank you,

Gene

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From: Gene Kodama  
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2016 9:22 AM  
To: Kier, Justin  
Cc: Tom Patton; Darryl Jones; Douglas E. Wood  
Subject: Re: Re-Entry Discussion Presentation

Justin, for clarification, the high wind and low humidity predicted to create dangerous wildfire conditions is predicted to occur after storm passage and in the upstate only. Thx, Gene

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

Justin Kier  
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