

## **INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE\***

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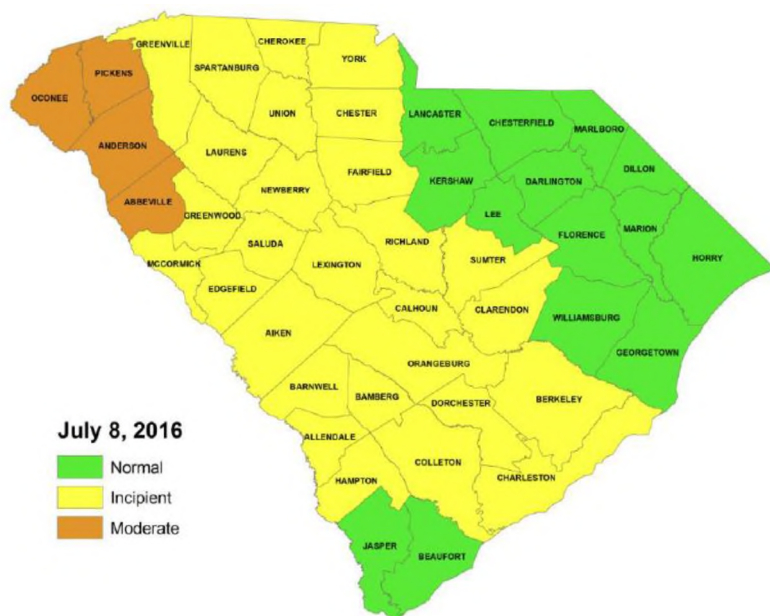
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### **Legal – George Cleveland v. State, et al.:**

We will file a motion to dismiss a lawsuit brought by an inmate who was dissatisfied with our office's response to a FOIA request last year. He requested every bill signed into law in 2014, and since our office does not possess those records (the Secretary of State does), we let him know the bills are already made public and available online at no cost. Our office was not properly served in the lawsuit, so the Attorney General's Office will file a motion to dismiss on our behalf. (Note that all SCDC inmates have access to "Westlaw Correctional," an online legal database with access to opinions, statutes, and proposed and enacted legislation.)

### **State Climatologist – Flash Drought:**

Last Friday, 4 counties were upgraded to the second level of drought (orange), and 28 counties across the state were designated at the first level of drought (yellow). The rest of the state remains in normal, non-drought status (green). This "flash drought" has hit the Upstate so quickly due to a lack of rain (deficit of up to 4 inches of rain), abnormally high temperatures, and abnormally high wind, which significantly increase evaporation. The dryness has already negatively affected cattle pastures as well as crop germination—DNR will closely monitor this event.



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