

Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of Forestry for State Fiscal Year 2025

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Description of Agency or Boards

The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) protects and develops healthy, sustainable forest resources for Virginians. With 16 million acres of forestland and more than 108,000 Virginians employed in forestry, forest products and related industries, Virginia forests provide an overall economic output of more than \$23 billion annually. Headquartered in Charlottesville, the agency has forestry staff members assigned to every county to provide citizen service and public safety protection across the Commonwealth, which it's been doing now for more than 100 years.

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| Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) | |
| Not Available. | |
| Title of Proposed Regulatory Action | |
| Virginia State Forest Regulations | |
| Brief Overview | |
| All Virginia State Forests Regulations shall be effective within and upon all state forests, roads, sites, ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, beaches, food patches, and recreational areas in the Commonwealth which may be under the jurisdiction of the department and shall regulate the use thereof by all persons. Areas designated by the department as state forests are: Appomattox-Buckingham in Appomattox and Buckingham Counties; Bourassa in Bedford County; Browne in Essex and King and Queen Counties; Chilton Woods in Lancaster County; Conway-Robinson in Prince William County; Crawfords in New Kent County; Cumberland in Cumberland County; Devil's Backbone in Shenandoah County; Hawks in Carroll County; Lesesne in Nelson County; Mathews in Grayson County; Niday Place in Craig County; Paul in Rockingham County; Prince Edward-Gallion in Prince Edward County; Sandy Point in King William County; Whitney in Fauquier County; and Zoar in King William County together with such other areas as the department may from time to time designate. [4 VAC 10 - 30] | |
| Regulatory Stage (check one box) | <input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track |
| Additional Description | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document |
| Legal Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute |
| Deregulatory Component | DOF plans to reduce requirements that are no longer relevant to state forests during FY25. DOF also plans to add items such as drones and e-bike regulatory requirements, overall these regulations will be reduced even with the added items. |
| Expected Date | July 2025 |