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Greetings MA Licensed Timber Harvesters,

Massachusetts is currently in a State of Emergency (SOE) due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. Governor Baker has issued an executive order extending the registration of certain licensed professionals including Forester Licenses and Timber Harvester Licenses. DCR Service Forestry has also cancelled their annual spring logger workshops for 2020.

Each Timber Harvester License that was in good standing on March 18th, 2020 is extended for 90 days past the end of the Massachusetts State of Emergency (SOE). Currently the date to lift the SOE is unknown. Renewal notices will be sent to all licensed timber harvesters within 30 days of the lifting of the SOE. DCR's Service Forestry Program will not hold its planned continuing education (CE) sessions on the Massachusetts Forest Cutting Practices Act in May and June 2020. Regardless of when the SOE is terminated, DCR has suspended continuing education requirements for this fiscal year.

During the SOE new and expired license applicants (e.g., expired 6/30/2019 or earlier) may operate under a provisional license until the first license exam offered; after DCR receipt of their application. The DCR Service Forestry program will offer a series of license exams across the state within 60 days of the lifting of the SOE to new and expired timber harvester license applicants.

Refer to "EEA Licensing Guidance 4-24-20" for further guidance to the Governor's orders.

Let me know if you have any questions. Wishing you and yours are safe and healthy.

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