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Comments: The Virginia Department of Transportation Planning and Investment Management Division has reviewed all of the information you attached in an email related to the Forestwide Oak and Woodland Restoration Project in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. At this time, this project does not have defined boundaries. The Virginia Department of Transportation Planning and Investment Management Division cannot review this project due to the early development stage. The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. Covers all 12 counties in the Bristol District. When the boundaries are defined, please resubmit this for the environmental review. Below are the Residency offices and the counties in which they serve.

Wise Residency office serves Lee, Scott, Wise, and Dickenson Counties:

Mr. Paul Matticks (paul.matticks@vdot.virginia.gov) and Mr. Joseph Mullins (joseph.mullins@vdot.virginia.gov) of the Wise Residency Office, 276-328-9331 should be engaged early in the planning, design, and construction of the process to identify and address potential impacts.

Lebanon Residency office serves Russel, Tazewell, and Buchanan Counties:

Mr. Jeff Buchanan (jeff.buchanan@vdot.virginia.gov) of the Lebanon Residency Office, 276-889-7600, should be engaged early in the planning, design, and construction of the process to identify and address potential impacts.

Abingdon Residency office serves Washington and Smyth Counties:

Mr. Allan Sumpter (allan.sumpter@vdot.virginia.gov) and Mr. Joshua Lewis (joshua.lewis@vdot.virginia.gov) of the Abingdon Residency office 276-676-5503 should be engaged early in the planning, design, and construction of the process to identify and address potential impacts.

Wytheville Residency Office serves Bland, Grayson, and Wythe Counties:

Mr. Andy Fowler (andy.fowler@vdot.virginia.gov) and Ms. Pamela Heath (pamela.heath@vdot.virginia.gov) of the Wytheville Residency Office, 276-228-2153 should be engaged early in the planning, design, and construction of the process to identify and address potential impacts.

When the time is appropriate, please have the design plans submitted to the appropriate VDOT staff. Below find several links to standard requirements which must be addressed in the planning and design: All above-ground items in the right of way shall be installed outside the clear zone of the roadway or protected by appropriate guardrail treatment. The guardrail installation guidelines can be found at the following website:

[http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/LocDes/GRIT\\_Manual.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/LocDes/GRIT_Manual.pdf). Please refer to Pages 1-1 to 1-3 for the clear zone guidelines. All construction within the right of way must comply with the Virginia Work Area Protection Manual. A link to the manual can be found at

[http://www.virginiadot.org/Business/resources/Wrk\\_zone/2011\\_WAPM\\_Rev\\_1.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/Business/resources/Wrk_zone/2011_WAPM_Rev_1.pdf) Land Use Permits and associated costs are outlined in the Land Use Manual. A link to land permits is as follows

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/bu-landUsePermits.asp> Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

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