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**AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER KENT LEONHARDT  
RESPONDS TO RECALL OF FORESTERS**

**Charleston, W.Va.** – Today, West Virginia Agriculture Commissioner issued a response to Governor Justice’s recall of 15 foresters.

“I’m glad to see that 15 of the laid off foresters are returning to work today. It is great to see the Governor shares my passion to revitalize our forestry industries,” stated Commissioner Leonhardt. “We look forward to working with the governor to realign our forestry industries with the rest of our agriculture industries in the state. Safe to say, we both believe agriculture is part of the solution to reenergize and diversify our economy.”

“Overall, I am happy that our forestry division is getting the proper attention it deserves. Our state foresters do a thankless but crucial job of protecting one of West Virginia’s most valuable resources,” continued Leonhardt.

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