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Texas A&M Forest Service Commitment to Safety and Environmental Stewardship

As Director, my goal is to create a safe work environment where potential hazards are minimized and all employees exercise care in their work, especially regarding environmental impact. Our team will adhere to all relevant state and federal environmental laws, as well as the Texas A&M University System's policies and regulations on workplace safety and health.

We commit, as an agency, to the following and expect leaders at all levels to:

- Demonstrate *LEADS* (Leadership, Excellence, Accountability, Duty, Service) in all aspects of the Texas A&M Forest Service.
- Promote and cultivate a strong, positive safety culture both in the office and during fireline and all-hazard responses.

Safety is a shared responsibility, and every employee plays a crucial role in upholding it and setting an example. To ensure a safe work environment, employees should:

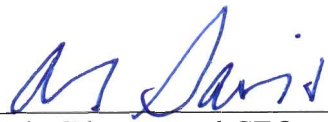
- Take no shortcuts when it comes to their own safety and health.
- Stop an operation if it poses an imminent threat to people or facilities.
- Wear personal protective equipment appropriate to the hazard.

The agency has a rich history of environmental stewardship. We should strive to be good stewards of our natural resources, and we contribute to this effort by:

- Complying with all hazardous material storage, handling, and disposal requirements.
- Reduce driving distances and carpool to events when feasible.
- Supporting environmental education and outreach.

It is my firm commitment to ensure that environmental stewardship, workplace safety, and health are leadership priorities within the agency.

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