

Office of Regulatory Management
Economic Review Form

Agency name	Department of Forestry
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	4 VAC 10-30
VAC Chapter title(s)	Virginia State Forests Regulations
Action title	Reduction Action under Executive Order 19
Date this document prepared	5/12/25 Updated: 7/8/25
Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	Fast-Track

Cost Benefit Analysis

Complete Tables 1a and 1b for all regulatory actions. You do not need to complete Table 1c if the regulatory action is required by state statute or federal statute or regulation and leaves no discretion in its implementation.

Table 1a should provide analysis for the regulatory approach you are taking. Table 1b should provide analysis for the approach of leaving the current regulations intact (i.e., no further change is implemented). Table 1c should provide analysis for at least one alternative approach. You should not limit yourself to one alternative, however, and can add additional charts as needed.

Report both direct and indirect costs and benefits that can be monetized in Boxes 1 and 2. Report direct and indirect costs and benefits that cannot be monetized in Box 4. See the ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual for additional guidance.

Table 1a: Costs and Benefits of the Proposed Changes (Primary Option)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: New signage Indirect Costs: No new indirect costs anticipated. Direct Benefits: No new monetizable direct benefits anticipated. Indirect Benefits: No new monetizable indirect benefits anticipated.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) \$10,000	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	(\$10,000)	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	There is a possibility that DOF staff may be able to save time interpreting and enforcing repealed regulations. Additionally, the public may enjoy easier use of the forest from simplified reading of the State Forest regulations.	
(5) Information Sources	TH-04	

Table 1b: Costs and Benefits under the Status Quo (No change to the regulation)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: No direct costs associated with maintaining status quo. Indirect Costs: No indirect costs associating with maintaining status quo. Direct Benefits: DOF would not have to replace current signage. Indirect Benefits: No indirect benefits associated with maintain status quo.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	\$10,000	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Potential State Forest users may be hesitant to recreate because they are overwhelmed by the amount of regulations.	

(5) Information Sources	TH-04
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Table 1c: Costs and Benefits under Alternative Approach(es)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here. Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change. Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here. Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a)	(b)
(3) Net Monetized Benefit		
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		
(5) Information Sources		

Impact on Local Partners

Use this chart to describe impacts on local partners. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 2: Impact on Local Partners

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: There are no anticipated direct costs on local partners. Indirect Costs: There are no anticipated indirect costs on local partners. Direct Benefits: There are no anticipated direct benefits for local partners. Indirect Benefits: There are no indirect monetized benefits anticipated for local partners.
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(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Clearer and streamlined regulations may increase compliance with state forest regulations and potentially reduce the need for local partners to respond to certain situations such as fire or injury.	
(4) Assistance	N/A	
(5) Information Sources	TH-04	

Impacts on Families

Use this chart to describe impacts on families. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 3: Impact on Families

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	There are no anticipated direct or indirect costs or benefits (monetized) anticipated for families.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Families using the state forests may benefit from additional ease of use associated with a reduced regulatory burden on the recreator.	
(4) Information Sources	TH-04	

Impacts on Small Businesses

Use this chart to describe impacts on small businesses. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 4: Impact on Small Businesses

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs &	There are no anticipated direct or indirect costs or benefits (monetized) anticipated for small businesses.
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Benefits (Monetized)		
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non- Monetized)	While not the primary focus of this regulatory modernization, a streamlined regulatory burden may benefit some small businesses that operate on the state forest by making the regulations easier to consume.	
(4) Alternatives	Status Quo	
(5) Information Sources	TH-04	

Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements

Table 5: Regulatory Reduction

For each individual action, please fill out the appropriate chart to reflect any change in regulatory requirements, costs, regulatory stringency, or the overall length of any guidance documents.

Change in Regulatory Requirements

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Authority of Change	Initial Count	Additions	Subtractions	Total Net Change in Requirements
4 VAC 10-30	(M/A):				
	(D/A):				
	(M/R):				
	(D/R):	51	4	17	-13
Grand Total of Changes in Requirements:					(M/A):
					(D/A):
					(M/R):
					(D/R): -13

Key:

Please use the following coding if change is mandatory or discretionary and whether it affects externally regulated parties or only the agency itself:

(M/A): Mandatory requirements mandated by federal and/or state statute affecting the agency itself

(D/A): Discretionary requirements affecting agency itself

(M/R): Mandatory requirements mandated by federal and/or state statute affecting external parties, including other agencies

(D/R): Discretionary requirements affecting external parties, including other agencies

Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Description of Regulatory Requirement	Initial Cost	New Cost	Overall Cost Savings/Increases

Other Decreases or Increases in Regulatory Stringency (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Description of Regulatory Change	Overview of How It Reduces or Increases Regulatory Burden

Length of Guidance Documents (only applicable if guidance document is being revised)

Title of Guidance Document	Original Word Count	New Word Count	Net Change in Word Count

*If the agency is modifying a guidance document that has regulatory requirements, it should report any change in requirements in the appropriate chart(s).