**SC FORESTRY FACTS & FIGURES: FY2018-19**

### Forest Management
- 2,013 landowners assisted
- 1,141 cost-share, stewardship and/or woodland exams performed, covering 73,558 acres
- SCFC personnel conducted 13,093 acres of prescribed burns, plowed 910 miles of firebreaks, performed 3,389 acres of prescribed-burn standbys and installed 135 waterbars

### Fire Statistics
- 995 wildfires
- 4,128 forested acres burned
- 709 non-forested acres burned
- 543 fires caused by debris burning, the no. 1 cause in SC (54.6% of all wildfires in SC in FY2018-19)
- 322,978 burn notifications handled by automated call center
- 10-year average: 1,764 fires / 12,046 acres burned

### Fire Response
- The Commission’s three dispatch centers field between 26,000 and 55,000 calls every year
- The average dispatch time for wildfires in FY2018-19 was 2 minutes, 22 seconds
- The average response time between report of wildfire and arrival of initial attack warden was 37.87 minutes

### Investment
- $104 million in forestry capital projects announced in FY2018-19
- 98 primary mills
- ~800 secondary mills
- 47,000+ forest industry jobs
- $2.58 billion in labor income

### Ownership
- More than 200,000 forest landowners in SC
- 87% of SC forests are privately owned
- 63% of private forests are family-owned
- The average “family forest” is 80 acres. 56% of these owners have their primary residence on the land
- Forest industries own 330,000 acres, down 84% since 2001
- Public agencies manage 13% of South Carolina’s forests

### Enforcement
- 38 sworn officers
- 223 fire investigations
- 43 fire tickets, 12 violations of state forest regulations, 2 pine straw theft cases, 11 game and fish cases, and 5 miscellaneous cases
- 3 arrests made for woods arson
- 112 timber theft/fraud cases
- $7,234 in fines collected
- 78% or $272,313 of timber theft/fraud losses recovered for victims

### Wood Supply
- 12.9 million acres of forestland, composed of 52% hardwood and 48% softwood
- SC’s forests now contain 26.6 billion cubic feet of wood, more than at any time in the past century
- There are 2 million more acres of forestland in SC than there were in 1936.
- The state’s forests, both hardwood and softwood, are growing more wood than is being harvested

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*All figures FY2014, unless otherwise noted*