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Subject: Direction from Governor McDonnell on Open Carry of Guns

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – OPEN CARRY OF FIREARMS PERMITTED IN STATE PARKS

I have just received the attached letter from Governor McDonnell to Director Johnson directing us to cease enforcing Section 4VAC5-30-200 effective 1/14/2010. Governor McDonnell states we are "lacking specific legislative authorization to further regulate firearms."

Conservation Officers have been briefed on this issue and we have been anticipating this action.

Questions about enforcement actions should be directed to Warren Wahl or David Summers.

Media questions should be directed to Gary Waugh or Jim Meisner.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

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