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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

July 20th, 2018

Indian River County Board of County Commissioners
Jason Brown, Administrator
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Mr. Brown,

In accordance with Florida Statue 125.27 Countywide forest fire protection; the Florida Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service will enter into an agreement with the board of county commissioners of each county in the state. The agreement will address the establishment and maintenance of countywide fire protection of all forest and wild lands within said county.

Each county shall, under the terms of such agreements, be assessed each fiscal year, as its share of the cost of providing such fire protection, a sum in dollars equal to the total forest and wild land acreage of the county, as determined by the Florida Forest Service, multiplied by 7 cents. The forest and wild lands acreage included in such agreements shall be reviewed each year by the contracting parties and the number of forest and wild land acres and the annual fire control assessment adjusted so as to reflect the current forest acreage of the county.

This report covers the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The report specifically details the Florida Forest Service accomplishments in Indian River County regarding the following:

Total Acreage under Forest/ Wild lands Protection	Rural Community Fire Protection Equipment Lease
Burn Authorizations	Training
Fire Activity	Staffing
Fire Prevention	Mitigation

I appreciate your continuous collaboration with the Florida Forest Service in suppressing and preventing wildfires. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (772)-778-5085 or Trevor.Taylor@freshfromflorida.com .

Sincerely,

Trevor Taylor
Forest Area Supervisor