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MEMORANDUM

To: Division Engineers and District Engineers
From: J. M. Lynch, P.E., State Traffic Engineer *JML*
Subject: Request for Erection of DENSE SMOKE AHEAD Signs by North Carolina Forest Service and Others in Conjunction with "Control Burn" and "Wildfire" Situations.

We have been advised by the North Carolina Forest Service that there is some confusion on the erection of DENSE SMOKE AHEAD signs with respect to private forest industry requests for these signs. Some District Engineers have refused to erect signs requested by private forest industry companies. The Forest Service has asked us for a clarification of a previous ruling.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has granted the North Carolina Forest Service the authority to erect such signs on highway rights-of-way at their discretion. Individual private companies are not permitted to install such signs on highway rights-of-way. However, we have previously advised the North Carolina Forest Service that we would cooperate with the forest industry in erecting signs where needed. Please see the attached letter from H. C. Rhudy dated August 5, 1980.

Private forest industry companies requiring signs should contact the appropriate Division of Highways District Engineer's office prior to burning and request that signs be erected. It will be the responsibility of the highway to install these signs on the highway rights-of-way. District Offices should honor all reasonable requests from private forest companies for these signs.

Based on Forest Service experience, it was previously recommended that one set of two signs be maintained for each county in Divisions 1, 2, 3; and Districts 1 and 3 of Division 6. In Divisions 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, one set of two signs for each District was recommended. In Division 11, 13, and 14 one set of signs per Division was considered adequate.

If you need additional information please contact me.

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