College of Forestry 000: Safety Committee Chair Letter

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The College of Forestry is committed to providing a safe environment for our faculty, staff, students, and visitors. We believe safety is a life-long endeavor. The pursuit of safety through education, awareness, and collaboration never ends. Safety begins with the individual and extends to the collective. Each individual must take an active part in seeking and providing safety education, bringing awareness and solutions to safety issues, and collaborate in these efforts.

The College Safety Committee meets regularly and takes the responsibility for establishing and maintaining an effective safety program. However, the responsibility for a safe environment extends across all facets of the College. It is essential that each of you asks yourself does my unit have a safety plan that initiates preventive measures and eliminates hazards associated with your daily activities. Safety plans extend beyond the walls of our buildings to the lands we explore and the roads we travel.

By working together, we can maintain a healthy accident-free environment. It starts with a positive safety attitude backed by knowledge and good habits. A proactive safety approach benefits us all.

Sincerely,

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