



Office of the Secretary
Washington, DC 20250

September 8, 2023

THE HONORABLE JEFF MERKLEY
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
United States Senate
125 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Merkley:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Explanatory Statement that accompanied the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) directing the Forest Service to maintain updated 5-year deferred maintenance plans that, to the extent practicable, include a list of all outstanding deferred maintenance needs. Enclosed is the Forest Service FY 2023, Quarter 2 summary report.

After 45 days from the date of the transmittal to Congress, this report will be posted to the Forest Service website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/budget-performance>.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact the Office of Congressional Relations at (202) 720-7095. We will send a similar letter to Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

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THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

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THE HONORABLE LISA MURKOWSKI
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Murkowski:

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THE HONORABLE CHELLIE PINGREE
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Pingree:

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House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Secretary

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