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THE HONORABLE MIKE SIMPSON
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Simpson:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Congressional directive included in Division G of the fiscal year 2022 appropriations act Explanatory Statement that the Forest Service provide a report detailing its strategy for pursuing the maximum utilization of domestic labor and long-term workforce development.

In compliance with Public Law 111-88, after 45 days, 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. A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Chellie Pingree.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure