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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 Forest Service's response to P.L. 117-328 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Section 431(e), requiring that the Forest Service provide the Committees quarterly reports on the balances for the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund and Land and Water Conservation Fund projects. Enclosed are the FY 2023 third quarter reports.

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. A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK  
*Secretary*

Enclosure