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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's Forest Service response to the reprogramming directive contained in the Explanatory Statement for the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328). There were no reprogramming actions processed during second quarter. In the third quarter, on Friday, May 26, 2023, the Forest Service received an affirmative response from Committee staff to the previously submitted Forest Legacy reprogramming request for $18,174,000.

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