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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 Explanatory Statement that accompanied the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) directing the Forest Service to report on appraisal program improvements, including Service-wide appraisal and real estate policies that result in region-wide consistencies, timely appraisals, and collaborative partnerships.

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 Chellie Pingree.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure