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THE HONORABLE MIKE SIMPSON
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
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 House Report 117-400, to analyze the feasibility of increasing the pace of timber harvesting and processing within the allowable sale quantity to displace wood products imports.

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 Chellie Pingree.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure