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October 6, 2023

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 Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123) Section 20701 that the Forest Service provide a monthly report detailing the allocation and obligation of supplemental funds related to the consequences of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Enclosed are the August 2023 tables and includes data through July 31, 2023.

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