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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 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 June 2023 tables which include data through June 30, 2023.

As required by Section 7016(b)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Pub. L. No. 117-328, this report will be posted on the Forest Service's website at <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/budget-performance</u> within 45 days of receipt of the report by the Subcommittees.

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