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THE HONORABLE CHELLIE PINGREE  
*Ranking Member*  
*Committee on Appropriations*  
*Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,*  
*and Related Agencies*  
*U.S. House of Representatives*  
*2007 Rayburn House Office Building*  
*Washington, DC 20515*

Dear Ranking Member Pingree:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to Explanatory Statement that accompanied the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), directing the Forest Service to maintain updated 5-year deferred maintenance plans that, to the extent practicable, include a list of all outstanding deferred maintenance needs. Enclosed is the Forest Service FY 2023, Quarter 1 summary report.

In compliance with Public Law 117-103 Section 411, after 45 days, 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 Chairman Mike Simpson.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK  
*Secretary*

Enclosure