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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 Forest Service's response to P.L. 116-260 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Section 434(e), requiring that the Forest Service provide the Committees quarterly reports on the balances for the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund and Land and Water Conservation Fund projects. Enclosed are the FY 2023 first quarter reports.

In compliance with Public Law 111-88, after 45 days, this report will be posted to the Forest Service website https://www.fs.fed.us/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