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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 Forest Service's response to the Explanatory Statement accompanying Division G of 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, and to provide them to the Committees on a quarterly basis. Enclosed is the Forest Service's fiscal year 2023, quarter 4 summary report.

After 45 days from the date of the transmittal to Congress, this report will be posted to the Forest Service's 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