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THE HONORABLE JEFFREY A. MERKLEY  
*Chairman*  
*Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,*  
*and Related Agencies*  
*Committee on Appropriations*  
*United States Senate*  
*125 Dirksen Senate Office Building*  
*Washington, DC 20510*

Dear Chairman Merkley:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2023 (House Report 117-400) directing the Secretary of Agriculture to provide a report on the status of Resource Advisory Committee nominations.

In compliance with Public Law 117-328 Section 7016, after 45 days, this report will be posted to the Forest Service website <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