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THE HONORABLE LISA MURKOWSKI Ranking Member Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations United States Senate 131 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Murkowski:

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 <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/budget-performance</u>.

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 Jeff Merkley.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK Secretary

Enclosure