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To: The Francis Marion - Sumter Resource Advisory Committee:

Congress passed 2018 spending bill P.L. 115-141 that included reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program. SRS payments to states will resume, including payments to states for FY17 and FY18. The FY17 payments were received in April 2018 by the Forest Service and the FY18 payments should be received by the Forest Service by summer 2019.

Based on conversations held with county officials in summer 2018, there is a continuing need to fund previously-reviewed road maintenance and improvements projects. These projects meet the criteria established in the Secure Rural School Act and have been reviewed by the Francis Marion - Sumter Resource Advisory Committee. Specifically:

- On December 10, 2015, the Francis Marion-Sumter Resource Advisory Committee reviewed the Newberry County Road Maintenance and Sinclair Dirt Road Improvement projects and developed recommendations.
- On September 2, 2012, the Francis Marion-Sumter Resource Advisory Committee reviewed the Berkeley County Road Maintenance project and developed recommendations on funding.


Project Name	FY17 Title II Funds	FY18 Title II Funds	Total Title II Funds
Berkeley County Road Maintenance (Berkeley County)	\$61,753.58	\$57,739.29	\$119,492.87
Newberry County Road Maintenance (Newberry County)	\$26,203.57	\$25,390.37	\$51,593.94
Sinclair Dirt Road Improvement (Union County)	\$37,485.72	\$36,156.26	\$73,641.98
FY TOTALS	\$125,442.87	\$119,285.02	

These projects meet the criteria established in the Secure Rural School Act. As the Designated Federal Official, I am approving the use of the FY17 and F18 Title II toward these three road maintenance and improvements projects that were recommended by the Francis Marion-Sumter Resource Advisory Committee in previous committee meetings.



If you have any questions regarding these road improvement projects and funding levels, please contact Committee Coordinator, Mary Morrison, at 803-561-4000 or at mary.morrison@usda.gov.

Sincerely,



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