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Good afternoon all,

I'm following up on a voicemail I left at your office this afternoon regarding USDA Forest Service operations during the lapse in FY2019 funding. The Forest Service continues to focus on work protecting public health and safety which is consistent with the agency's shutdown plan. As you may know, the agency is also evaluating and proceeding with some work using non-appropriated funding (i.e. recreation fees) and available prior year appropriated funding to continue critical business functions and public services. These choices continue to evolve as the lapse in funding status persists and more critical needs emerge.

Aligned with United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) recent guidance to prioritize projects that can be maintained during the ongoing lapse in federal funding, the Alaska Region is currently moving forward with priority projects including the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis (POW LLA) and the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking, among others. I have attached updates on the Roadless and POW LLA projects for reference. We will are also working on updates for other priorities projects which are advancing. A regularly updated list of operational updates are also being posted on the National website: https://www.fs.fed.us/shutdown

Additionally, I have been called back to work for the time-being and am available by email or phone if you have any questions about these projects or other issues.

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