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The Honorable Michael Lee
Chairman
Subcommittee on Public Lands,
Forests, and Mining
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter and the enclosed report outlines the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service estimate of anticipated wildland fire suppression costs for fiscal year (FY) 2019, as required in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-88), as a part of the Title V-FLAME Act of 2009.

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A similar letter and report are being sent to Senator Ron Wyden.

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Sonny Perdue
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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
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Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Federal Lands
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
1329 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Hanabusa:

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The Honorable Marcia Fudge
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry
Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
1305 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Fudge:

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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Ranking Member McCollum:

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