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The Honorable David Joyce  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Joyce:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service response to the requirement in the Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Explanatory Statement directing USDA's Forest Service to provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a report regarding its current and planned research on issues and risks related to firefighter health and safety in wildlands and the wildland urban interface. As directed, the enclosed report includes detailed budget information, and it identifies knowledge gaps and potential remedies to address them.

In compliance with Public Law 111-88, this report will be posted to <http://www.fs.fed.us/aboutus/budget/congressional-directives.shtml>.

A similar letter is being sent to Chairwoman Betty McCollum.

Sincerely,

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Sonny Perdue  
Secretary

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Chair  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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