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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Chairwoman:

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In compliance with Public Law 111-88, this report will post to <https://www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/budget-performance> after 45 days.

A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Tom Udall.

Sincerely,

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Sonny Perdue
Secretary

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The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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