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The Honorable Betty McCollum  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2007 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. Chairwoman:

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The Honorable Tom Udall  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
125 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Udall:

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Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
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Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Don Young  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on National Parks,  
Forests and Public Lands  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1329 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Young:

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Subcommittee on National Parks,  
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Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1328 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Michael Lee  
Chair  
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:

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Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Public Lands,  
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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Wyden:

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The Honorable Abigail Spanberger  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1301 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. Chairwoman:

This letter 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 U.S. 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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Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chair  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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