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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND
 RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2017

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Mr. CALVERT, from the Committee on Appropriations,
 submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

DISSENTING VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 5538]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. The bill provides regular annual appropriations for the Department of the Interior (except the Bureau of Reclamation and the Central Utah Project), the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other related agencies, including the Forest Service, the Indian Health Service, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

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year for the past 10 years, the number of acres of Forest Service land burned by high-severity fires; the number of severely burned acres proposed for salvage harvest; the number of acres on which salvage harvest was actually performed; and the length of time between the fire being declared contained and 1) the completion of the NEPA process proposing and analyzing a salvage operation; 2) offer of timber sale or stewardship contract to perform a salvage operation; and 3) the number and outcome, if any, of legal proceedings against a proposed salvage operation.

Technical Report Update.—The Committee requests that the Service update General Technical Report PNW-GTR-486 regarding the environmental effects of post-fire logging during fiscal year 2017.

Research Program Report.—The Service is directed to update the report provided to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations that describes its research program in detail. The report should be transmitted as part of the fiscal year 2018 budget request. It should include information on each research laboratory, including their relationship to the research stations, their goals and purpose, the funding provided for each of the previous five fiscal years, the funding proposed to be provided in fiscal year 2018, the allocation of funding between research and administrative costs, the allocation of funding and projects between in-house and extramural research, and the number of scientists and support staff. The report also should include similar information for each research station.

Bill Language.—The Committee provides three-year spending authority for this account.

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

Appropriation enacted, 2016	\$237,023,000
Budget estimate, 2017	234,004,000
Recommended, 2017	244,038,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 2016	+7,015,000
Budget estimate, 2017	+10,034,000

The Committee recommends \$244,038,000 for State and Private Forestry, \$7,015,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and \$10,034,000 above the budget request.

Landscape Scale Restoration.—The Committee recommends \$14,000,000 for Landscape Scale Restoration, equal to the fiscal year 2016 level and \$9,513,000 below the budget request.

The Committee supports continuing to use the majority of these resources for interstate competitive processes and recommends these projects address national and State priorities as identified in State Forest Action Plans.

Forest Health Management.—The Committee recommends \$114,600,000 for Forest Health Management, \$15,000,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and \$22,540,000 above the budget request. As noted elsewhere in this report, the additional funds are provided to address severe insect and disease conditions, particularly in Forest Service Region 5. An additional \$10,000,000 is provided for Federal forest lands, and an additional \$5,000,000 is provided for cooperative lands.