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THE HONORABLE JEFF MERKLEY,
Chairman,
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies,
Committee on Appropriations,
United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Committee request in Division G, Title III, that the Forest Service provide the number of grazing permits, a course of action, and a timeline for compliance related to the general provision on the extension of grazing permits, within 180 days of enactment.

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In compliance with Public Law 111-88, after 45 days, this report will be posted to the Forest Service website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/budget-performance>.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact the Office of Congressional Relations at 202-720-7095. A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary



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THE HONORABLE LISA MURKOWSKI,
Ranking Member,
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations,
United States Senate
125 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510.

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THE HONORABLE CHELLIE PINGREE
Chair,
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510.5

Dear Madam Chair:

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THE HONORABLE DAVID JOYCE
*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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