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THE HONORABLE JEFF MERKLEY
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
United States Senate
125 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Merkley:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the American Relief Act of 2025 Section 2702, requiring that the Forest Service provide a detailed operating plan on the use of the funds made available through this act.

After 30 days but before 60 days from the date of this letter, this report will be posted to the Forest Service Website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/budget-performance, per Public Law 118-172.

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 Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure.