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THE HONORABLE MIKE SIMPSON
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Simpson:

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 Ranking Member Chellie Pingree.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure.