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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 requirement in the Joint Explanatory Statement, Division G of Public Law 116-260 that the agency report on actions taken to implement evidence-based training programs on de-escalation and the use of force, as well as on policy community relations and actions taken to participate in National Use-of-Force Data Collection.

In compliance with Public Law 111-88, after 45 days, this report will be posted to the Forest Service website at: <https://www.fs.fed.us/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,

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Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary

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Ranking Member  
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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. 20515

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Ranking Member  
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