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Washington, D.C. 20250

October 19, 2021

The Honorable Thomas Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper:

This letter outlines the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service estimate of anticipated wildland fire suppression costs for March and May for fiscal year 2021, as required in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-88), as a part of the Title V-FLAME Act of 2009.

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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
172 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Moore Capito:

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Chairman  
Committee on Indian Affairs  
United States Senate  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Schatz:

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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Vice Chairman  
Committee on Indian Affairs  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Vice Chairman Lisa Murkowski:

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The Honorable Abigail Spanberger  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1431 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

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The Honorable Doug LaMalfa  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
408 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member LaMalfa:

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The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
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The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2162 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chair:

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The Honorable David Joyce  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2065 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Joyce:

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The Honorable Joe Neguse  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1419 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Neguse:

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The Honorable Russ Fulcher  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1520 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Ranking Member Fulcher:

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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
516 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairwoman Cortez Masto:

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The Honorable Mike Lee  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
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361A Russell Senate Office Building  
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Dear Ranking Member Lee:

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