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Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

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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 Joint Explanatory Statement to Public Law. 116-260 Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 request for Technology Modernization. This report details the current and planned investments in technology modernization for wildfire. This response was requested by March 27, 2021; the delay was the result of multi-program coordination challenges.

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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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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

Dear Madam Chair:

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The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

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