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Washington, D.C. 20250

August 26, 2020

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to P.L. 116-94 Explanatory Statement, Division D, that the Forest Service provide details on the finalization of an alternative budget structure. The following are enclosed: 1) legislative language for the new account structure, including proposed changes to transfer and reprogramming requirements; 2) FY 2019 through FY 2021 comparison tables; 3) interim financial management policy manual detailing budget restructure changes, including an outline of financial management policy manual changes; 4) a copy of the certification letter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Chief Financial Officer indicating the Forest Service's financial systems can report using the new account structure; and 5) a communication plan for implementation and training.

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 Tom Udall.

Sincerely,

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Sonny Perdue
Secretary

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April 26, 2020

The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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United States Senate
125 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Betty McCollum
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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The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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1016 Longworth House Office Building
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