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Washington, D.C. 20250

April 27, 2022

The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Joyce:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the direction contained in Senate Report 116–123 to the Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Appropriations Act, 2021 (Div. G, Title III), regarding Spruce and Bark Beetles, grazing allotments affected by wildfire, timber target goals, Recommended Wilderness, and Tariffs on Timber Exports. This information details the resources necessary to increase the agency's timber target to four billion board feet, annually, including the geographic regions most likely to contribute to the increase in forest product production should a new timber target be implemented, as well as any barriers to achieving the higher target level.

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 Chairwoman Chellie Pingree.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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