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THE HONORABLE MIKE SIMPSON
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Simpson:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's response to P.L. 117-58 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, requiring that the Forest Service provide the Committees a report detailing the number of acres in need of reforestation, and the number of acres reforested after an unplanned event (such as a wildfire).

As required by Section 7016(b)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Pub. L. No. 117-328, this report will be posted on the Forest Service's website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/budget-performance within 45 days of receipt of the report by the Subcommittees.

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 Chellie Pingree.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure