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THE HONORABLE JEFF MERKLEY
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
United States Senate
125 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Merkley:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Committee's request in the Senate Report accompanying Public Law 118-42 for the Agency to develop plan to improve coordination between the National Forest System and Research and Development.

After 45 days from the date of this letter, this report will be posted to the Forest Service website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/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,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure