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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 (USDA) Forest Service response to Explanatory Statement – Division G Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriation Act associated with Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-42), directing the Forest Service to compile a list and explanation for all roads and trails on the Cleveland National Forest that have been closed for longer than a year.

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