



**Office of the Under Secretary**

Natural Resources and Environment  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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March 19, 2025

THE HONORABLE JEFF MERKLEY  
*Ranking Member*  
*Senate Committee on Appropriations*  
*Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,*  
*and Related Agencies*  
*United States Senate*  
*125 Hart Senate Office Building*  
*Washington, D.C. 20510*

Dear Ranking Member Merkley:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123) Section 20701, requiring that the Forest Service provide a monthly report detailing the allocation and obligation of supplemental funds related to the consequences of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and the 2017 fire season. Enclosed are the January 2025 tables, which include data through January 31, 2025.

After 30 days, but before 60 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>, per Public Law 118-172.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact the Office of Congressional Relations at (202) 720-7095. We sent an identical letter and the report to Chair Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

KRISTIN A. SLEEPER  
*Deputy Under Secretary*  
*U.S. Department of Agriculture*

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THE HONORABLE LISA MURKOWSKI  
*Chair*  
*Senate Committee on Appropriations*  
*Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,*  
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*United States Senate*  
*131 Dirksen Senate Office Building*  
*Washington, D.C. 20510*

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THE HONORABLE CHELLIE PINGREE  
*Ranking Member*  
*House Committee on Appropriations*  
*Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,*  
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*U.S. House of Representatives*  
*2007 Rayburn House Office Building*  
*Washington, D.C. 20515*

Dear Ranking Member Pingree:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin A. Sleeper", is written over a horizontal line.

KRISTIN A. SLEEPER  
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