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THE HONORABLE LISA MURKOWSKI
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
United States Senate
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Murkowski:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Senate Report that accompanied the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42), directing the Forest Service to maintain updated 5-year deferred maintenance plans that, to the extent practicable, include a list of all outstanding deferred maintenance needs, and to provide them to the Committees on a quarterly basis. Enclosed is the Forest Service fiscal year 2025, first quarter summary report.

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 Ranking Member Jeff Merkley.

Sincerely,

KRISTIN A. SLEEPER
Deputy Under Secretary
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THE HONORABLE CHELLIE PINGREE
Ranking Member
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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Dear Chairman Simpson:

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