



Office of the Under Secretary

Natural Resources and Environment
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250-0108

May 6, 2025

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

Dear Chairman Simpson,

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, Quarter 2 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. A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Chellie Pingree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin A. Sleeper", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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

Enclosure



Office of the Under Secretary

Natural Resources and Environment
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250-0108

May 6, 2025

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

Dear Ranking Member Pingree,

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, Quarter 2 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. A similar letter is being sent to Chairman Mike Simpson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin A. Sleeper", is written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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

Enclosure



Office of the Under Secretary

Natural Resources and Environment
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250-0108

May 6, 2025

THE HONORABLE LISA MURKOWSKI
Chairwoman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairwoman 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, Quarter 2 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. A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Jeff Merkley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin A. Sleeper", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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

Enclosure



Office of the Under Secretary

Natural Resources and Environment
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250-0108

May 6, 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 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, Quarter 2 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. A similar letter is being sent to Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin A. Sleeper", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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

Enclosure