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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND  
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2020

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Ms. MCCOLLUM, from the Committee on Appropriations,  
submitted the following

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together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 3052]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. The bill provides regular annual appropriations for the Department of the Interior (except the Bureau of Reclamation and the Central Utah Project), the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other related agencies, including the Forest Service, the Indian Health Service, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

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[In thousands]

	FY19	Cost Pool	FY19 adjusted	FY20 PB	Cost Pool	FY20 adjusted	Rec
Roads* .....	218,000	(40,944)	177,056	218,000	(14,939)	203,061	205,000
Trails .....	80,000	(22,738)	57,262	65,000	(2,521)	62,479	65,262
Total .....	446,000	(78,841)	367,159	434,000	(19,793)	414,207	419,103

\*Cost pool for roads includes FY19 cost pool for legacy roads and trails.

*Facilities Maintenance and Construction.*—The Committee recommends \$148,841,000 for Facilities Maintenance and Construction, which is a programmatic increase of \$16,000,000 above the enacted level. Within this amount, the Forest Service is directed to spend \$6,000,000 more than the fiscal year 2019 enacted level for Air Tanker Base repairs.

*Smokeyjumper Base.*—The Committee is aware the North Cascades Smokeyjumper Base in Winthrop, Washington, is in need of facility upgrades, improvements, and renovations to meet Federal Aviation Administration compliance standards and requirements, and understands the Forest Service has completed a Preliminary Project Analysis that recommends maintaining the base. The Committee urges the Forest Service to devote the necessary resources to ensure the base can maintain operational excellence.

*Southern California Fire Cache.*—The Forest Service is strongly encouraged to expeditiously determine a new location for the Southern California Fire Cache and to consider a transfer of any excess land near the March Air Reserve Base in Riverside County, California.

*Road Maintenance and Construction.*—The Committee recommends \$205,000,000 for Road Maintenance and Construction, which is a programmatic increase of \$27,944,000 above the enacted level and \$1,939,000 above the budget request. The Committee directs the Forest Service to use the increase to improve public safety, watersheds, aquatic habitats, and recreational access.

*Uwharrie National Forest.*—The Committee directs the Forest Service to consider upgrading residential access roads within the Uwharrie National Forest, working with the State and surrounding communities to identify priority projects, and to report back to the Committee within 120 days of the enactment of this Act.

*Trail Maintenance and Construction.*—The Committee recommends \$65,262,000 for Trail Maintenance and Construction, which is a programmatic increase of \$8,000,000 above the enacted level and \$2,783,000 above the budget request.

*National Scenic and Historic Trails.*—The Committee directs the Forest Service to continue to provide specific trail operation, maintenance, and construction funding and accomplishment data for the national scenic and historic trails in future budget justifications. The Committee notes that the fiscal year 2020 justification does not propose acquisition funding and directs the Forest Service to provide the Committees an updated estimate of trails and land acquisition not later than 60 days after the enactment of this Act.

*Legacy Roads and Trail Remediation.*—The Committee continues to recognize the need to remediate legacy roads and trails and directs the Forest Service to address these projects as they rank in priority along with all other infrastructure needs from the appro-