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Washington, D.C. 20250

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Ranking Member McCollum:

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The Forest Service has assured me that it will be fiscally prudent in minimizing the amount transferred. If you have any further 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 Ken Calvert.

Sincerely,

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Sonny Perdue
Secretary

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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
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The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
125 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairwoman
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