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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chair:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service response to the requirement in House Report 115-238, which directs the USDA's Forest Service to provide to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a report to address the Committees' concerns that the Forest Service has insufficiently scoped the Breezy Hill Trail construction proposal in the Kisatchie National Forest and failed to adequately consider public comments as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

The report is enclosed.

In compliance with Public Law 111-88, after 45 days, this report will be posted to the Forest Service Web site at: <https://www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/budget-performance>.

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 Ranking Member Tom Udall.

Sincerely,

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Sonny Perdue
Secretary

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The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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United States Senate
125 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Udall:

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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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