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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter outlines the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service estimate of anticipated wildland fire suppression costs for fiscal year (FY) 2018, as required in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-88), as a part of the Title V-FLAME Act of 2009.

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Sincerely,

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Sonny Perdue
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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. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Udall:

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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairwoman
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United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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United States Senate
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The Honorable Tom McClintock
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1332 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Public Lands,
Forests, and Mining
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Wyden:

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