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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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The Honorable Tom Udall  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
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  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
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United States Senate  
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chair:

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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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Chairman  
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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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The Honorable Tom McClintock  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Federal Land  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1332 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Subcommittee Federal Lands  
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The Honorable Frank Lucas  
Chairman  
Subcommittee Conservation and Forestry  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1301 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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