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THE HONORABLE JEFF MERKLEY  
*Chair*  
*Senate Committee on Appropriations*  
*Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,*  
*and Related Agencies*  
*United States Senate*  
*142 Dirksen Senate Office Building*  
*Washington, DC 20510*

Dear Chairman Merkley:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to a directive in House Report 117-83 directing the Forest Service to provide a report examining how the agency could work with Federal partners, other land management agencies, and non-profits to select and deploy volunteers for international assignments in concert with existing U.S. programs for forest management, reforestation, and other conservation initiatives.

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

If you have any 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 Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK  
*Secretary*

*Enclosure*