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THE HONORABLE CHELLIE PINGREE
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Pingree:

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 David Joyce.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure