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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the requirement in the Joint Explanatory Statement, Division G, for the Fiscal Year 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act, H.R. 3547, which directs the Forest Service to provide to the Committees on Appropriations a 5-year aviation plan and a long-term aviation plan detailing aviation needs. In addition, the Forest Service is directed to provide: 1) a report addressing the Forest Service's near and long-term large airtanker strategy; and 2) an evaluation of currently available technologies to make aerial firefighting more efficient and cost-effective.

Enclosed is a report on the Forest Service's near and long-term large airtanker strategy. In compliance with Public Law 111-88, after 45 days, this report will post to the Forest Service Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/aboutus/budget/congressional-directives.shtml>. A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Betty McCollum.

Sincerely,

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Sonny Perdue
Secretary

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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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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

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

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