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Quincy Library Group [QLG].—The Committee is very concerned that the Service has been unable to meet the annual fuels reduction treatment goals required by the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Act, which prescribes 40,000 to 60,000 acres of treatments each year for the Plumas and Lassen National Forests and the Sierraville Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest. These treatments are essential to minimize the risk of stand-replacing wildfires which the area has suffered repeatedly, including the 2007 Moonlight Fire, which threatened communities and burned 65,000 acres on the Plumas National Forest. The Committee is aware that the Service has preliminary treatment targets for the QLG area of approximately 18,000 acres in fiscal year 2009, including 3,000 acres on the Plumas National Forest, and approximately 21,000 acres in fiscal year 2010. The Committee is also aware that additional acre targets for future projects may be agreed upon by stakeholders. The Committee expects the Service to meet or exceed these preliminary targets and directs the Service to provide a report to the Committee within 60 days of enactment detailing the actual number of acres treated in fiscal year 2009 and the updated number of acres planned for treatment in fiscal year 2010, including the number of additional acres agreed to as part of the collaborative process.