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Washington, D.C. 20250

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

Dear Senator Murkowski:

This letter transmits the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the requirement in the Joint Explanatory Statement, Division G, for the FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Act, H.R. 3457 (Public Law 113-76) specifying that the Forest Service "provide a report on expected performance and accountability" of the Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Budget Line Item in the State and Private Forestry appropriation within 90 days of enactment. The delay in delivering this report is due to the need to consult and to agree on guidance for implementing LSR with the National Association of State Foresters.

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Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

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U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Vice Chair
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