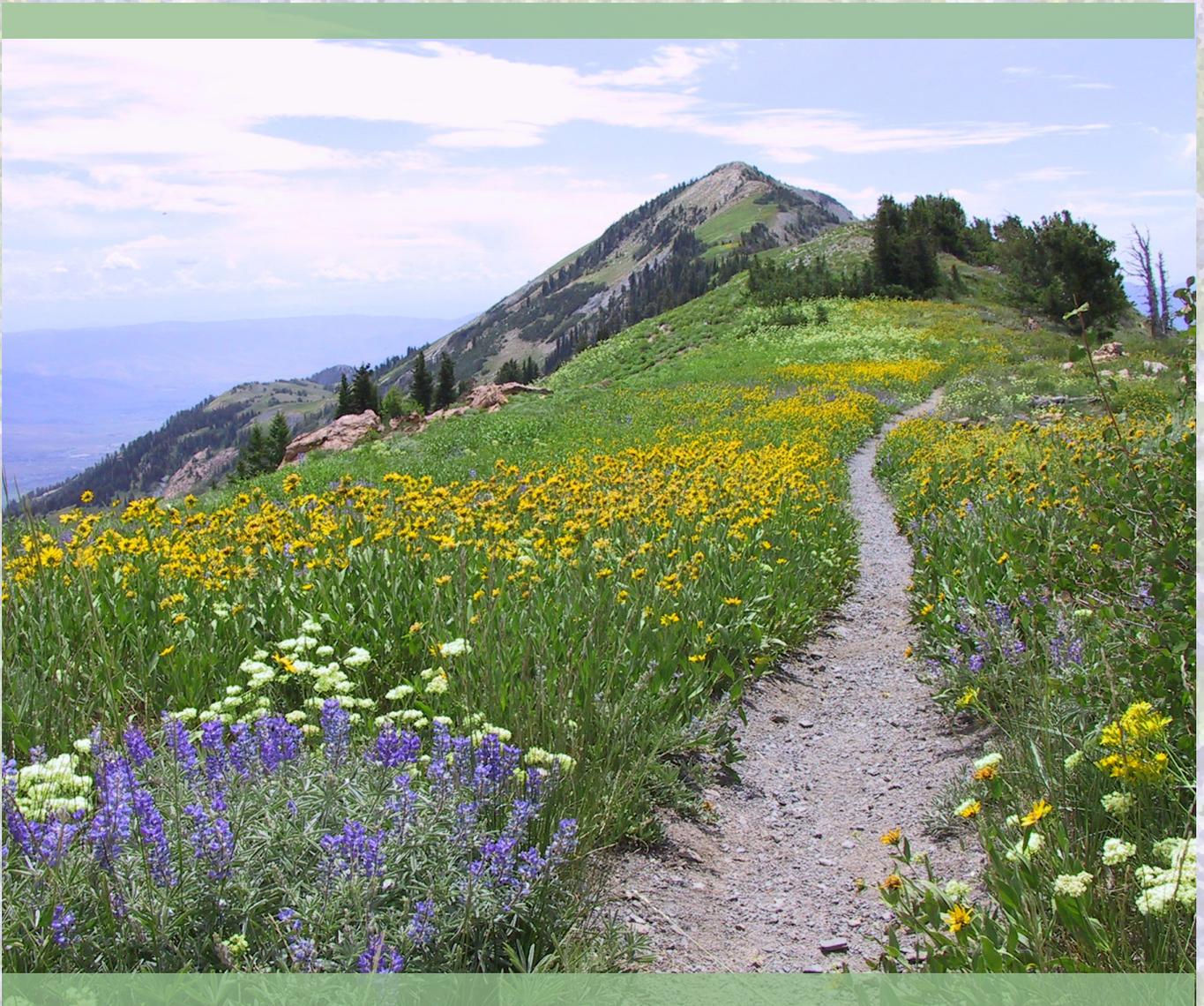




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The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), has chosen to produce an Agency Financial Report (AFR) for fiscal year 2009. This AFR was produced in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-136, Financial Reporting Requirements.

The AFR provides—

- An overview of the Forest Service’s financial and performance results in the Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A);
- The Financial Section, comprised of the audited financial statements and notes, and required supplementary information, the independent auditors’ report, and the USDA Office of Inspector General’s (OIG) transmittal letter;
- Other Accompanying Information (OAI), such as Management Challenges, Management’s Assurances, and recovery audit results for erroneous and improper payments, in accordance with the Improper Payments Information Act (IPIA).

In addition to the AFR, the Forest Service will include its FY 2009 Annual Performance Report (APR) and FY 2011 performance plan with its Congressional Budget Justification, and the FY 2009 Summary of Performance and Financial Information, both in February 2010.

All of these documents will be available on the Forest Service Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/>.

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Our Mission...

Sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Our values...

- Care for the Nation's forest and grassland ecosystems
- Value the varied skills and contributions of a diverse workforce
- Strive for accountability by every employee for the efficient management of the capital resources he or she uses
- Be responsive to national and local interests
- Be focused on the needs of future generations

The Strategic Goals...

- Restore, Sustain, and Enhance the Nation's Forests and Grasslands
- Provide and Sustain Benefits to the American People
- Conserve Open Space
- Sustain and Enhance Outdoor Recreation Opportunities
- Maintain Basic Management Capabilities of the Forest Service
- Engage Urban America With Forest Service Programs
- Provide Science-Based Applications and Tools for Sustainable Natural Resources Management