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**MAY - 2 2012**

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
125 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-4403

Dear Senator Murkowski:

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Ranking Member  
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U.S. House and Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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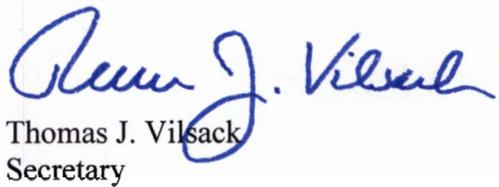
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		Carryover BA (at Start of FY)	New BA	Total BA	Obligated			Unobligated		
					YTD Obligated, not Outlayed	YTD Outlays	Total Obligated	YTD Committed, Unobligated	YTD UnCommitted	Total Unobligated
Forest Inventory & Analysis	No Year	0	64	64	0	0	0	0	64	64
Research and Development Programs	No Year	11	231	242	12	47	59	2	181	183
Other Operations - Fire Plan Research and Development (transferred from Wildland Fire Mgmt)	No Year	1	22	23	1	2	3	0	20	20
Other Operations - Joint Fire Sciences Program (transferred from Wildland Fire Mgmt)	No Year	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	9	9
Other Forest and Rangeland Research Programs	No Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL Forest and Rangeland Research</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>276</b>
Forest Health Mgmt - Federal Lands Forest Health Mgmt	No Year	6	47	53	2	7	9	0	44	44
Forest Health Mgmt - Cooperative Lands Forest Health Mgmt	No Year	2	40	42	0	0	0	0	42	42
Cooperative Fire Protection - State Fire Assistance	No Year	3	30	33	0	1	1	0	32	32
Cooperative Fire Protection - Volunteer Fire Assistance	No Year	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	7	7
Cooperative Forestry - Forest Stewardship	No Year	3	29	32	1	1	2	0	30	30
Cooperative Forestry - Community Forest and Open Space Conservation	No Year	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
Cooperative Forestry - Urban and Community Forestry	No Year	3	31	34	0	1	1	0	33	33
Cooperative Forestry - Forest Resource Information and Analysis	No Year	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	5
International Forestry	No Year	0	8	8	0	1	1	0	7	7
Other Operations - Forest Health Mgmt - Federal Lands (transferred from Wildland Fire Mgmt)	No Year	2	16	18	1	1	2	0	16	16
Other Operations - Forest Health Mgmt - Coop Lands (transferred from Wildland Fire Mgmt)	No Year	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	9	9
Other Operations - State Fire Assistance (transferred from Wildland Fire Mgmt)	No Year	3	55	58	0	0	0	0	58	58
Other Operations - Volunteer Fire Assistance (transferred from Wildland Fire Mgmt)	No Year	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	6	6
Other State and Private Forestry Programs and Children	No Year	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	(1)	(1)
<b>TOTAL State and Private Forestry</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>291</b>
Cooperative Forestry - Forest Legacy	No Year	6	53	59	0	0	0	0	59	59

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<b>TOTAL Forest Legacy</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>
Land Mgmt Planning	No Year	4	40	44	1	7	8	0	36	36
Inventory and Monitoring	No Year	11	162	173	8	20	28	1	144	145
Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness	No Year	8	281	289	13	44	57	1	231	232
Grazing Mgmt	No Year	2	55	57	2	7	9	0	48	48
Forest Products	No Year	16	303	319	14	58	72	1	246	247
Vegetation and Watershed Mgmt	No Year	9	151	160	7	24	31	1	128	129
Wildlife and Fish Habitat Mgmt	No Year	5	120	125	5	22	27	0	98	98
Integrated Resource Restoration <sup>1</sup>	No Year	0	116	116	0	0	0	0	116	116
Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Fund	No Year	7	40	47	1	1	2	1	44	45
Minerals and Geology Mgmt	No Year	8	83	91	3	10	13	0	78	78
Land Ownership Mgmt	No Year	5	86	91	4	15	19	0	72	72
Law Enforcement Operations	No Year	6	144	150	5	20	25	1	124	125
Valles Caldera	No Year	1	3	4	0	1	1	0	3	3
Other National Forest System Programs and Children (Excludes Cost Pools)	No Year	4	0	4	1	1	2	0	2	2
<b>Total National Forest System</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,376</b>
Capital Improvements and Mntce - Facilities	No Year	32	77	109	4	9	13	0	96	96
Capital Improvements and Mntce - Roads	No Year	10	183	193	7	27	34	0	159	159
Capital Improvements and Mntce - Trails	No Year	5	82	87	3	9	12	0	75	75
Capital Improvements and Mntce - Deferred Mntce	No Year	3	9	12	(1)	0	(1)	0	13	13
Integrated Resource Restoration - Legacy Roads and Trails (transferred to National Forest System)	No Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Improvements and Mntce - Legacy Road and Trail Remediation	No Year	4	34	38	1	2	3	0	35	35

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Other Capital Improvement & Mntce Programs (Excludes Cost Pool)	No Year	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	10
<b>TOTAL Capital Improvement and Maintenance</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>388</b>
Land Acquisition	No Year	18	53	71	0	1	1	0	70	70
<b>TOTAL Land Acquisition</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>
Acquisition of Land for National Forests, Special Acts	One Year	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Acquisition of Lands to Complete Land Exchanges	No Year	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Range Betterment Fund	No Year	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
Gifts, Donations and Bequests for Forest and Rangeland Research	No Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mgmt of National Forest Lands for Subsistence Uses	No Year	0	3	3	1	0	1	0	2	2
<b>TOTAL Other Appropriations</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Fire Operations - Wildland Fire Preparedness	No Year	20	1004	1,024	35	132	167	2	855	857
Fire Operations - Wildland Fire Suppression Operations	No Year	335	316	651	6	28	34	12	605	617
Integrated Resource Restoration - Hazardous Fuels (transferred to National Forest System)	No Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Operations - Hazardous Fuels Base Program	No Year	14	298	312	11	42	53	0	259	259
Other Operations - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Fund <sup>2</sup>	No Year	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other Operations - Fire Plan Research and Development (transferred to Forest & Rangeland Research)	No Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Operations - Joint Fire Sciences Program (transferred to Forest & Rangeland Research and BLM)	No Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Operations - Forest Health Mgmt - Federal Lands (transferred to State & Private Forestry)	No Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Other Operations - Volunteer Fire Assistance (transferred to State & Private Forestry)	No Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Wildland Fire Mgmt Programs	No Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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<b>Total Wildland Fire Mgmt</b>		370	1,618	1,988	52	202	254	14	1,720	1,734
FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Account	No Year	0	315	315	0	0	0	0	315	315
<b>TOTAL FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Account</b>		0	315	315	0	0	0	0	315	315
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED FUNDS</b>		587	4,620	5,207	149	542	691	22	4,494	4,516

Data as of December 31, 2011

Footnotes:

1. The FY 2012 Continuing Resolution bill was not signed until 12/23/2011 which authorized the IRR project. Expenses for the 1st quarter was captured in the legacy programs. Estimated cost for the 1st quarter is approximately \$23 million.

2. Carryover funds only

Note:

\* Budget Authority includes: Carryover, New Authority net of Rescissions, scheduled Transfers between BLIs, and Recovery. These amounts are net of Reimbursables. All Amounts are rounded to the millions.