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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter outlines the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service estimate of anticipated wildland fire suppression costs for fiscal year (FY) 2017, as required in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111–88), as a part of the Title V—FLAME Act of 2009.

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Sincerely,

Sonny Perdue
Secretary

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

Dear Ranking Member McCollum:  

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

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

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The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
125 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Ranking Member Udall:

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Enclosure
The Honorable Michael Lee  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests,  
and Mining  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Frank Lucas  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1301 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Marcia Fudge  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1305 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Fudge:

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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Federal Lands  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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