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The Honorable Sonny Perdue  
Secretary of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

The National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) has worked exceptionally hard on serious national issues since our meeting with you on April 30, 2018. We have produced and shared three major products with you that include our proposals for Regulation Reform, 2021 Budget Initiative, and the Forest Service Workforce Capacity Study. We realize that no group should expect to get everything they want with all the challenges facing America today. We appreciate working with you and the time you have made available for us since our original meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request another sit down meeting with you sometime in the next couple of months when you travel to a western state. Since it is impractical for a volunteer organization such as NAFSR to travel to Washington, D.C., we request that we coordinate

with your travel schedule for a small group of us to personally meet with you.

We are particularly interested to learn from you what impact our work has, or has not, had in setting and implementing national policy. We believe it is time to take stock of what we are doing and the results we are attempting to achieve. We also want to get your advice on what you will support and what we can do to assist you with the challenges you face. With the large volunteer workforce that we represent it is critical that we focus our efforts on issues that will produce results. Time is of the essence in our opinion.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the opportunity for a meeting.

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Sincerely,

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