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Brian Gray
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Dear Mr. Gray:

The National Association of Forest Service Retirees is "dedicated to sustaining the heritage of caring for the National Forests and Grasslands, partnering with the Forest Service and helping understand and adapt to today's and tomorrow's challenges".

The NAFSR Fire Committee has worked with local Boy Scout leaders alongside current Forest Service employees in reviewing and making minor suggestions on wording of the proposed "Wildland Fire Merit Badge".

Boy Scouts play a role in protecting our forests through fire prevention efforts. There are many potential projects in which they can become engaged and spread the important message of our fight against wildfires. As the wildfires become larger and more destructive, it is

important that groups such as the Boy Scouts of America become more informed and engaged in wildfire reduction and damage.

In meeting the requirements to earn the Wildland Fire Management Merit Badge they will become knowledgeable about the importance of the many different aspects of Wildland Fire Management.

We fully endorse adding the Wildland Fire Management Merit Badge to the list of merit badges Scouts can earn.

Sincerely,

James L. Caswell

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