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Mr. James L. Caswell
Chair
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Dear Mr. Caswell:

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 2018, on behalf of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees, following our April 30, 2018, meeting.

It was a pleasure to meet with such a committed group of former employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. I appreciate that you share the same commitment as the Forest Service to actively manage National Forests and Grasslands to enhance rural prosperity and healthy environments. The specific teams you have assembled clearly align with the work we are doing. I value the thoughts and insights that retired Forest Service employees can offer as the Agency pursues important reforms.

Again, thank you for your support and for sharing your thoughts and ideas to assist in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sonny Perdue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sonny" and last name "Perdue" clearly distinguishable.

Sonny Perdue
Secretary