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Dear Mr. Bonnie:

The National Association of Forest Retirees (NAFSR) congratulates you on your appointment as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary. We also want to remind you that we are extremely interested in serving in some capacity on the Wildfire Commission as proposed and described in the C-21 Report.

Our Transition letter to you dated December 1, 2020, strongly endorsed the C-21 report prepared by you and your co-author's (copy enclosed). There are many parts in the report that make good sense and connect to the issues and strategies that NAFSR has worked on for many years. We are very aware through numerous phone calls and interactions with the Forest Service Washington Office that an approach to Firescape scenario planning is being contemplated.

The magnitude of the fire problem is huge, and the challenge will be to create a sustained commitment at all levels of the agency. Developing the will, the means, and the sustained energy to take on this effort and be successful will require leaders to make this their most important goal. All must continually ensure that progress is made at a rate within a defined timeframe that will truly alter the present course of catastrophic fires.

It would be a privilege and an honor to serve on the proposed Wildfire Commission. NAFSR members possess on the ground experience and leadership skills along with the knowledge that would add considerable value to the Commission's purpose.

Our experienced professionals stand ready to assist in this critical and important effort. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

James L. Caswell

James L. Caswell, Chair
National Association of Forest Service Retirees

Enclosure