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The Honorable Tom Vilsack  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

On behalf of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR), I am recommending recently retired (May 2021) Forest Supervisor **Ms. Patty Grantham** for the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission.

Ms. Grantham spent 28 years of her 41-year career as a District Ranger and Forest Supervisor in western states. She served as the Forest Supervisor on the Klamath National Forest in northern California for 12 years and her last appointment was the Acting Director for Fire and Aviation Management, Washington DC.

Ms. Grantham has extensive experience working across all resource areas and specifically with wildfire impacted communities. She is a leader known for building effective collaborative partnerships across jurisdictions to accomplish critical land management projects.

She has received numerous recognitions over the years for her contributions, including a 2021 Chief's Award as a member of the Sexual Harassment and Fire Culture Team for improving workplace experience for wildland firefighters.

NAFSR is encouraged by the establishment and goals of this Commission and recognizes its potential to significantly influence policies and strategies for the future of wildland fire management and landscape resiliency across increasingly complex social and natural

environments. With broad and diverse representation, this Commission is well positioned to address these challenges across all lands.

Thank you for considering our recommendation of Patty Grantham to serve on this Commission. NAFSR looks forward to working with the Department and other partners in support of the Commission and its success.

Sincerely,

*Steve Ellis*

Steve Ellis, Chair  
National Association of Forest Service Retirees

Enclosure

Cc: Chief Randy Moore, USDA Forest Service