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Dr. Homer Wilkes
Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Dr. Wilkes:

Congratulations on your confirmation as USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. The National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) is pleased that you were chosen for this position which is so important to the Forest Service.

As an organization, we have always valued our positive relationship with the Under Secretary's office and look forward to having a similar relationship with you and your staff.

As a group, with membership in every state, NAFSR offers decades of experience in natural resource management. We stand ready to help you and Chief Moore be successful in the many challenges ahead. Please do not hesitate to reach out whenever you feel we can add

value.

As a highly active advocacy organization we have accomplished many positive results over the years. We are in a unique position to advocate and openly support many actions and issues that confront the Department and the agency. We are a credible voice with several other organizations that have profound interest in natural resource issues.

Some of our members know and have had the privilege of working with you during your previous roles at USDA. Your many experiences, accomplishments, and successes at NRCS will be of immense value addressing the many complex issues that now lie ahead. We look forward to working with you in your new role.

Sincerely,

Steve Ellis

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cc: Chief Moore