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Greetings,

I'm following up on our conversation specific to the FY23 timber target during last week's Monthly Forest Management Director's call.

As I shared during our call, the Chief and Deputy Chief have high expectation that investments made through the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will result in a dramatic increase in outcomes on the ground, in particular with our work aimed at protecting communities and forests at risk of wildfire, restoring resilient landscapes in the face of climate change and supporting rural economic develop. In consideration of this, the Chief has asked the Agency to increase to a 4 billion board foot program annually starting with an incremental increase in FY23 to 3.45 billion board feet (6,494,330 CCF).

I have included an attached spreadsheet with Regional target expectations for FY23 and preliminary targets for FY24. We have developed key talking points below that we will continue to share internally and with partners, including industry. I would ask that you build your communications around these talking points.

In addition to providing targets for FY23, I want to share that funding for FY23 GNA and TFPA projects will be allocated to the Regions very soon. The funding levels by Region for GNA are included in the spreadsheet. We anticipate a similar level of funding to be made available for FY24 and encourage Regions to begin conversations with the states now ahead of a request for funding levels as future allocations amounts will be informed based on the requests received. The WO is making plans to make an official announcement of the TFPA projects. Your Regional Foresters will be receiving an email asking Regions to validate the projects. It's critical that we firm up plans for our work with the tribes to ensure our announcement aligns with planned project work. The body of work we anticipate through GNA and TFPA under this provision is impressive, and we look forward to monitoring progress and sharing outcomes along the way.

In addition to funding for TFPA and GNA we are still working to make other funds available to the Regions, including funds provided through the BIL mechanical thinning provision (NITX). We hope to have an announcement soon given the urgency of obligating funds. We also expect to have more information to share on the keystone agreements very soon.

Key talking points for FY23 and outyear target accomplishments:

- *The Agency is focused on a predictable, consistent volume sold each year as a result of our work to protect communities, support restoration goals, meet fuels reduction objectives, and supports rural economic development. This will require that each Region and Forests not only focus on meeting priorities for active management in FY23, but also keep an eye on success in FY24 and beyond to meet this expectation.*
- *The Agency recognizes that investments made under the BIL and IRA have yet to be fully realized. Additional capacity brought on through recent hiring and use of agreements with states, tribes and partners are still gaining traction in FY23.*
- *With our focus on protecting communities, treatments in the WUI may not result in significant volume outputs, including work in the 21 Wildfire Crisis Strategy Landscapes (WCSL). Each Region and Forest will work with local industry to balance needs to support local infrastructure while also meeting critical needs on the ground to address the wildfire crisis.*
- *The Agency recognizes that targets outlined for FY23 and FY24 are based regular appropriations, as well as the continued investments through BIL and IRA. The targets outlined in FY23 and FY24 include these financial investments.*
- *Expected outcomes for FY23 were developed through communication with Regions, however the Agency recognizes that FY23 target of 3.45 BBF will be a challenge as investments continue to be realized. The Washington Office, Regions and Forests will work collectively through increased communication and monitoring to identify a variety of approaches, including tools and authorities to be identified under the Secretary's emergency declaration to meet expectations to help meet target expectations.*

I want to let you know that the WO FMRMVE staff and I are fully committed to supporting the Regions and Forests effort to meet the FY23 and outyear expectations for active

management. I have asked the Forest Products staff to increase the level of engagement with the Regions, in particular, as we work to identify opportunities to use different approaches and tools.

I'm available to discuss these expectations in the coming weeks. You and your staff can also reach out to Forest Management Deputy Director Jim Smalls, Michael Spisak- WO-FRMVE (Acting Assistant Director), or Matthew McGiffin, WO-FMRMVE Sale Preparation Forester with any updates or questions.

Thank you,

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FY23 Targets and Preliminary FY24 Targets
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Region	FY23 Final Targets (MBF)	FY23 Final Targets (CCF)	FY24 Preliminary Targets (MBF)*	FY24 Preliminary Targets (CCF)
	Target			
1	425,000	850,000	477,000	954,000
2	210,000	420,000	244,000	488,000
3	225,000	450,000	240,000	480,000
4	159,000	294,150	160,000	296,000
5	485,000	970,000	415,000	830,000
6	575,000	1,104,000	653,000	1,253,760
8	680,000	1,285,200	700,000	1,323,000
9	680,000	1,094,800	700,000	1,127,000
10	11,000	26,180	11,000	26,180
Grand Total	3,450,000	6,494,330	3,600,000	6,777,940

*Goal for FY26 488F

Region	FY23 GNA
1	\$3,850,000
2	\$2,040,000
3	\$2,462,604
4	\$607,000
5	\$607,000
6	\$8,762,772
8	\$607,000
9	\$1,436,000
10	\$102,000

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