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September 6, 2016

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
203 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Better Forest Management

Dear Representative McMorris Rodgers:

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We are concerned about our national forest health and the potential for more wildfires due to a lack of active management. We need to rebuild a healthy forest quickly while supporting the local economy. In neighboring Idaho, there is currently a reforestation project in process designed to protect the health and safety of the public by removing hazardous trees, capture the economic value of the dead and dying timber, and reforest areas burned by the fires.

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