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Mr. James Caswell  
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Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Caswell:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 2020, regarding the management of administrative processes at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service. I apologize for the delayed response.

I appreciate you taking the time to provide feedback and recommendations about the consolidation and centralization of certain administrative processes at the Forest Service. USDA is working at all levels to implement regulatory reforms that maximize outcomes for programs and the communities we serve. This includes continuously improving how we execute and modernize our program delivery, driven by dynamic technological advances.

I appreciate our continued dialogue and partnership with the National Association of Forest Service Retirees in assisting USDA and the Forest Service to deliver efficient, effective, and customer-focused solutions to the challenges we all face today and into the future. The recommendations you included in your report will help inform that work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonny Perdue". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Sonny Perdue  
Secretary