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Chief Thomas Tidwell
U.S. Forest Service
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Chief Tidwell:

On behalf of the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE), and the 100,000 federal workers our union represents throughout the United States and abroad, including nearly 30,000 permanent and seasonal Forest Service employees, I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as the 17th Chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

Given your extensive career with the agency, I am confident that in the coming years you will make a sincere effort to resolve the many challenges that confront our nation's forests. Let me assure you that our union will be a strong partner in advancing the mission of the U.S. Forest Service and improving the livelihoods of the dedicated federal employees without whom it would not exist.

Once again, we at NFFE would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Chief. We all wish you the best of luck, and look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Richard N. Brown
National President