



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro
Comptroller General of the United States
U.S. Government Accountability Office
441 G Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

This letter reports violations of the Antideficiency Act (ADA) by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, as required by 31 U.S.C. Section 1531, 1517(b).

The Agency has determined that the violations resulted from no willful or knowing intent on the part of the responsible officials or employees to violate ADA. Internal control weaknesses that contributed to the violations have been sufficiently addressed to prevent their recurrence, and the Chief of the Forest Service certified in the most recent Annual Assurance Certification Statements that the Agency is in compliance with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act, the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-123 guidance for internal controls. Attached is the violations report.

A similar letter is being sent to the President, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonny Perdue".

Sonny Perdue
Secretary

Enclosure

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