

MAKING AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$16,661,000 IN BUDGETARY AUTHORITY FOR THE EMERGENCY PEST SUPPRESSION FUND OF THE FOREST SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TO DESIGNATE THE AMOUNT MADE AVAILABLE AS AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(b)(2)(D)(i) OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, DC, February 7, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR:

In accordance with provisions of P.L. 102-381, 103-138, and 103-332, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts of 1993, 1994, and 1995, respectively, I hereby make available appropriations of \$16,661,000 in budget authority for the Emergency pest suppression fund of the Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture. These funds will ensure that current pest suppression needs throughout the United States are met.

I designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

Enclosure.

Estimate No. 1
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

February 7, 1996

THE DIRECTOR

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available emergency appropriations for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture. Your approval of this request would make available \$16.7 million of previously appropriated funds for high-priority pest suppression.

In order for the Forest Service to meet all currently identified suppression needs during FY 1996, it is necessary to request that you designate the \$16.7 million remaining in the Emergency pest suppression fund as an emergency requirement. Without this additional funding, timber harvesting on the National Forest System and non-Federal lands would be reduced, while maintenance costs would increase, and the susceptibility of the Nation's forests to fire would become greater. In addition, future costs for gypsy moth suppression would increase.

I recommend that you designate this request as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Agriculture in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. No further congressional action will be required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alice M. Rivlin".

Alice M. Rivlin
Director

Enclosure

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY
APPROPRIATED MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

Emergency pest suppression fund..... \$16,661,000

Public Laws 102-381, 103-138, and 103-332, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts of 1993, 1994, 1995 provided \$26 million, \$15 million, and \$17 million in contingent emergency funding, respectively, for the Emergency pest suppression fund. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President notifying the Congress of his designation of any or all of these amounts as emergency requirements. A total of \$41.3 million has been made available previously. The \$16.7 million remaining in the fund is now required for pest suppression efforts to preserve the Nation's forest resources.