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The Honorable Mary Landrieu  
United States Senate  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Washington, DC 20510-6150

Dear Senator Landrieu:

Thank you for your letter dated August 12 concerning the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) cabin which has been moved to the Southern Forest Heritage Museum in Longleaf, Louisiana. The U.S. Forest Service has a long history with the CCC, which hosted forestry camps across the United States in the 1930s. A tremendous amount of work by the CCC occurred in Louisiana, with many significant projects on Kisatchie National Forest.

The Forest Service has enjoyed a close relationship with the Southern Forest Heritage Museum since its inception. In fact, the Forest Service was among the first group to review the Crowell Lumber Mill for a potential museum site and provided early assistance that allowed the museum to open and begin giving tours.

The recent successful effort to move the cabin was made possible by generous private donations and the efforts of multiple partners. Partners included staff for the Southern Forest Heritage museum, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the Louisiana Forestry Association, the Alexandria/Pineville Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Forest Service.

Now that the CCC cabin has been moved, we know that work needs to continue. This cabin is a great place to preserve and showcase the history and legacy of the CCC and the work they accomplished in Louisiana. Not only will this building serve as a repository for historical artifacts, documents and photographs, but it will also tell the story how important forestry is to Louisiana today. I am pleased to share that the Forest Service will be able to assist the Southern Forest Heritage Museum in this effort. This addition will enhance the visitor experience of the Southern Forest Heritage Museum and it will also strengthen tourism in central Louisiana.

I greatly appreciate your interest in Louisiana forest history and specifically the amazing work accomplished by the CCC. The Forest Service understands the importance of honoring these great men who did the work of reforesting the beautiful State of Louisiana. If I can provide additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 347-4177.

Sincerely,

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Regional Forester

