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Liz Agpaoa
Regional Forester
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Dear Regional Forester Agpaoa:

I am writing to request your assistance in establishing an exhibit at the Southern Forest Heritage Museum in Longleaf, Louisiana to commemorate the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and recognize the contributions it has made to our community, the forests of Louisiana, and our nation.

As you know, the CCC was created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933, to employ young men in conservation and public works projects in Louisiana and across the country. Because of its proximity to the Kisatchie National Forest and the unique benefits the CCC brought to the Forest Service, a CCC exhibit at the Southern Heritage site will serve as a place for the public to learn about their accomplishments.

The forest community and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry have identified and designated an original building constructed by the CCC to be moved to the site of the Southern Forest Heritage Museum. The funds for moving the building have been secured through fundraising; however, additional funding is needed to complete the exhibit. Financial and technical assistance are needed to improve the site, and make it ready for visitors. The museum wishes to create exhibit space to display the CCC memorabilia that has been donated, and to host educational presentations from Forest Service history experts.

Louisiana has a rich and storied history that I am passionate about preserving for future generations—in a way that families and individuals can experience it first-hand. The establishment of an exhibit honoring the contributions made by the CCC to conserve our state's natural resources will be a unique way to expose people to the beauty and wonder of Louisiana's forests.

On behalf of the Southern Forest Heritage Museum, I respectfully request that you assist us in bringing this project to fruition. Establishing the CCC exhibit will provide a long-awaited,

permanent home for displaying the history of the CCC in Louisiana. Thank you for considering my request to help recognize the work of young men so important to our great state.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Senator Mary L. Landrieu
Chair