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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
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Dear Secretary Perdue:

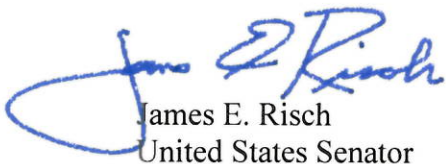
We are writing to inquire about the status of nominations for the North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Council (RAC) pursuant to Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS). As you know, Congress reauthorized SRS through fiscal year 2020.

Title II funds represent an important source of investments in local jobs and projects that improve national forest resources. Eligible RACs have until September 30, 2020, to initiate projects and funds must be obligated no later than September 30, 2021.


It has come to our attention the North Central Idaho RAC does not have a quorum, and therefore, the RAC cannot meet to begin its work. The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests submitted nominations to your office several months ago to fill vacant seats. If the North Central Idaho RAC cannot be convened soon there will be very little time left for the RAC to solicit, review and advance proposals for Title II projects before statutory deadlines.

We urge you to soon review and approve nominations for the North Central Idaho RAC. Thank you for giving this matter your prompt attention.

Sincerely,


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