Dear Valued Partner:

This notice is to inform you of a lapse in appropriation for the federal government. As a recipient of Forest Service (FS) funds already obligated, you are able to continue the work for which funds were awarded, unless further direction is provided to you. We advise you to be prudent in your expenditures and do not incur any expenses not absolutely necessary for performance of current needs.

Please note the following:

• FS cannot issue new awards during this lapse
• No activities for which the FS is responsible/required (i.e. oversight, support, input) can be performed
• No payment requests can be submitted to the FS
• FS cannot approve payment requests

Please see the attached FAQs for further guidance. We appreciate your partnership and thank you for your patience during this time.

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