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THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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The Honorable David M. Walker  
Comptroller General  
United States General Accounting Office  
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Walker:

The Departments of the Interior and Agriculture have enclosed three copies of the Departments' Action Plan that will address the recommendations in the General Accounting Office report, "Geospatial Information: Technologies Hold Promise for Wildland Fire Management, but Challenges Remain," GAO-03-1047, September 2003. This response is in accordance with Section 236 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970.

The Departments have sent copies of this reply to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

The Departments will gladly furnish additional information upon request.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mark Rey in black ink.

Mark Rey  
Under Secretary  
Natural Resources and the Environment  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Handwritten signature of P. Lynn Scarlett in black ink.

P. Lynn Scarlett  
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Policy, Management and Budget  
U.S. Department of the Interior