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Secretary Ken Salazar
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
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Secretary Tom Vilsack
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Dear Secretary Salazar and Secretary Vilsack,

On behalf of the National Association of State Foresters, I express our appreciation for the opportunity for state forestry agencies to participate as full partners in the development, review and completion of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Phase II Report. We endorse the processes utilized in the development of the Phase II Report. Discussing and addressing our wildland fire problems in a national, cohesive approach is a step in the right direction.

We all recognize the importance of the document in framing future dialogue on wildland fire management issues. The states' commitment to participate in the process ensured that a broad range of interests were considered and melded into the report. We look forward to our continued engagement in Phase III of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy as we undertake development of regional and national risk analysis and action plans.

Sincerely,

Randy Dye
President, National Association of State Foresters