



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Alexander Acosta
Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Acosta:

Under interagency agreements with the U.S. Department of Labor since 1964, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service (FS) has operated a number of Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers for young men and women at various locations around the Nation.

As USDA looks to the future, it is imperative that the Forest Service focus on and prioritize our core natural resource mission to improve the condition and resilience of our Nation's forests, and step away from activities and programs that are not essential to that core mission.

This letter signifies USDA's intent to terminate its role in the Job Corps program. Understanding the complexity of such a transition, it is my expectation that by September 30, 2019, each FS Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center will be transitioned out – or on an established plan to transition out – of the Job Corps program.

Our staff is currently working out terms for amending our 2008 Interagency Agreement to accomplish this objective and move forward the transition of FS Job Corps centers from the Labor Department to other operators.

We look forward to working together during this transition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonny Perdue". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sonny Perdue
Secretary