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Dear Mr. Williamson,

Thank you for your efforts that culminated in the publication of two reports that directly responded to WGA Policy Resolution 05-04, which requested your office complete a wildland fire weather national needs assessment. In addition to establishing a common baseline set of needs through your assessment report, your report on the multi-agency portfolio of current and in-development capabilities addressing those needs provides a wealth of information beyond our request.

We recognize it was no small task bringing together such a diverse and wide-ranging collection of organizations and agencies to define a first-ever clear set of fire-weather needs. We are pleased to learn that a number of advances, initiatives, and plans have been undertaken across the fire-weather community. We are hopeful that these changes will lead to the improved stewardship of the natural resources we all treasure and positively impact the lives of the citizen's we represent.

Please extend our gratitude to your team for all of their hard work in completing this important effort.

Sincerely,

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