



THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
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Dear Firefighters of the U.S. Forest Service,

I want to express my deepest gratitude to all those who risked their lives during the harrowing fires in Southern California. Your courage, grit, and determination to protect our communities represents the very best of America.

As entire towns were being devastated by the smoke and flames, you answered the call, raced into danger, and saved innumerable lives. From the boots on the ground to the aircraft in the sky, thousands of men and women came from over a dozen states to serve the people of California.

You stood on the front lines as thousands evacuated, facing unpredictable and dangerous conditions to safeguard American homes, communities, and the vast natural resources that define our nation.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has the largest and most sophisticated wildland firefighting workforce in the world, and I am honored to serve and support you. I am committed to ensuring that you have the tools and resources you need to safely and effectively carry out your mission.

Again, thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your unwavering resolve to preserve and protect this nation that we love.

God Bless you and your families.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brooke L. Rollins".

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