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Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Air Quality Impacts of Wildfires: Perspectives of Key Stakeholders."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Thursday, November 23, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Allie Bury, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Allie.Bury@mail.house.gov](mailto:Allie.Bury@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



John Shimkus  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: The Honorable Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment

Attachment

**Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record**

**The Honorable John Shimkus**

1. Over the last three decades, the amount of timber harvested from federal lands has declined significantly while the number and extent of fires on these lands has increased significantly. Is this a coincidence or does thinning of forests actually reduce the risk of wildfires?