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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) performed an inspection of the Forest Service (FS) to determine the likely level of sophistication an attacker would need to compromise selected USDA systems or data. We interviewed agency officials and assessed information regarding previous penetration tests. This report contains sensitive content. It is being withheld from public release due to concerns about the risk of circumvention of law.

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