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The following public testimonial was provided by David Barron, with Cross Eyed Cricket Farms in Blodgett, as part of their Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant (Report or Application).

“At Cross Eyed Cricket Farms, the disaster resilience funding has been transformative in safeguarding our farm and community. Thanks to this support, we purchased a stock trailer and installed fencing to implement rotational grazing practices, significantly enhancing our ability to prevent and respond to wildfires. The stock trailer has become an essential tool for quickly evacuating our livestock during emergencies, ensuring their safety and allowing us to act decisively in the face of unpredictable threats. It also supports proactive fire prevention by enabling us to transport animals to specific areas for targeted grazing, reducing fire fuel loads and creating natural firebreaks across our property. With the fencing in place, we’ve adopted rotational grazing, which not only minimizes fire risks but also improves the health of our pastures and soil. This funding has empowered us to build a safer, more sustainable farm while reinforcing our commitment to the community.

We are deeply grateful for this investment in our farm’s future, as it allows us to remain resilient in the face of challenges and continue providing for the families and communities we serve.”