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The following public testimonial was provided by Jesse Swanson, with their ranch in Baker City, as part of their Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Report.

“In August, there were numerous fires in our immediate area. A primary intent of this grant request was to have a portable corral to use for transporting cattle to safer areas during fires. We also offered this corral system to other ranchers who may have had a need to move their stock during a fire situation. In August, the Town Gulch Fire came very close to our home and where some of our cattle were pastured. Fortunately, our stock did not have to be moved, but the corral system was set up and ready to be used!

This piece of equipment will greatly benefit our family and our ranching operations for many years. We are fortunate to have been awarded this grant by the Oregon Community Food System Network (OCFSN).”