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The following public testimonial was provided by Carrie Swanson, with Town Gulch L&L in Richland, as part of their Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Report.

“This year was particularly stressful with wildland fires and dry conditions which shortened some grazing time on our leased and owned ground. We move stock with trailers and we don't have ways to pen up stock at all areas. Having the panels has been very useful and we've loaned out the panels/trailer to several other ranchers in similar situations. This is the first year we've fenced a water gap in our seasonal stream. Of course we had to brush out the water gap, but the stock seemed to use the easier access to water. This helps with protecting the stream bed and also reduces the potential for injury to horses/cattle when they push through the brush to get to water. This grant opportunity is the first time we've been able to acquire panels/trailer that we would not have been able to purchase. It is a relief to have quality panels and a well-built trailer to assist us!”