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Shaniko Cowie, Deputy Fire Staff/Project Lead Wallowa-Whitman National Forest 1550 Dewey Ave., Suite A Baker City, OR 97814

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Dear Project Lead Cowie,

Baker County supports the West Wall Defensible Fuels Profile Zone project. The purpose and need of this project is consistent with the necessity to improve forest health, which will reduce the potential of high intensity wildfire and will provide benefits to the local economy. It will also benefit the Carson/Pine Valley WUI community.

The County stands ready to help with the Coordination process and looks forward to positive results in keeping our forests healthy and open to access.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this project.

Sincerely,

Christina Witham, Commissioner

Baker County Commission

Thank you,

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Baker County Natural Resources/Parks Coord.