Data Submitted (UTC 11): 12/5/2016 8:00:00 AM First name: Irene Last name: Jerome Organization: Jerome Natural Resource Consultants Title: Forester Comments: Ten Cent DEIS Comments Please see attached. Thanks, Irene Contents of Attached Letter: JEROME NATURAL RESOURCE CONSULTANTS Irene K. Jerome, Forester 408 SE Hillcrest Rd. John Day, OR 97845 Home Ph: (541) 575-2210 Cell Ph: (541) 620-4466 ijeromejnrc@gmail.com December 5, 2016 Ian Reid, District Ranger North Fork John Day Ranger District **Umatilla National Forest** 401 W. Main St Ukiah, OR 97880 Jeff Tomac, District Ranger Whitman District

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Dear Ian and Jeff:

As you know, I work for Grant County coordinating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and the Firewise Program. Thank you for the opportunity to present comments on the Ten Cent Community Wildfire Protection Project (Ten Cent) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). On behalf of Grant County and specifically on behalf of the citizens of Granite, Greenhorn and the greater surrounding areas thank you for the development of Alternative 3, which is quite responsive to the comments and needs of the local community.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) currently has a large fuels reduction grant available to the private landowners in this area with the grant monies available for several years. I strongly encourage you to consider partnering with ODF on the implementation of the Ten Cent project.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments on the Ten Cent DEIS. I look forward to the implementation of this project!

Sincerely,

Irene K. Jerome

Grant County CWPP/Firewise Coordinator