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1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy MA 02169

FWC/USA ID#: 00638

Sarah Jane Jane Laramore
P. O. Box 1015
Gloster, MS 39638

Dear Ms. Laramore:

Congratulations on achieving Firewise Communities/USA recognition status! It is with great pleasure that I welcome Gloster to the growing assembly of communities working to become safer from wildland fire hazards.

The national Firewise program will be providing you information and support as you continue maturing as a Firewise community. I am pleased to provide you with a Firewise Communities/USA Media Toolkit. The enclosed folder contains sample press releases, program fact sheets, media tips, a CD-Rom with electronic versions of all the materials and the Firewise Communities/USA logo artwork. You'll be receiving additional materials soon, including two Firewise Communities/USA signs, constructed for outdoor use, to be placed at the entries to your community. You'll find enclosed two 2009 decals that can be affixed to these signs. Each year when you renew your status, you will receive decals for that year.

Your hard work is already improving wildfire safety in Gloster. If you are seeking assistance to do more, your recognition status can help. Recognized Firewise Communities/USA sites get priority status in consideration for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's pre-disaster mitigation planning and project grants. Please note your identification number as shown in the upper right corner of this letter. This identifies Gloster as a unique participant in the recognition program.

I'd like to invite you to post information about your community to the Firewise website at MyFirewise (<http://network.firewise.org/>). It takes just a few minutes to sign up, create your profile, and share photos and messages with other MyFirewise members. To post your story and several photos in our Community Stories area on the main website, please contact Cheryl Blake for assistance at (617) 984-7444 or cblake@nfpa.org.

My staff and I look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact us should you need any type of information or assistance. Again, congratulations on your work to achieve national recognition status.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Steinberg".

Michele Steinberg
Project Manager, Firewise Communities

cc: Leslie Blackwell, State Firewise Liaison
Charlie W. Morgan, State Forester