WUI Mitigation SubCommittee

August 5, 2026, 1200 MT

Management Committee Liaison — Mark Neely ☒
NWCG Coordinator — Steven Gaskill ☒
USFS — Sheryl Page ☒
NASF (WR) — Daniel Beveridge ☒
NASF (SR) — David Fiorella ☐
NASF (NE/MW) — Kent Nelson ☒
DOI — Jennifer Hansen ☒
DOI Alternate — Vernon Sterns ☐
IAFC — Ashley Whitworth ☐
USFA — Teresa Neal ☐
IMTA — John Unfred ☐
IMTA Alternate — Chris Obrien ☒
Advisor — Jonathan Bruno ☐

Notes

1. NWCG Business — Steven Gaskill
    a. Roster updates
        i. If there's a need to add additional members, send them to Gaskill.
    b. Meeting invite distribution
        i. Working through some of the access issues, including updating the meeting invite so the permissions remain in place and anyone can start meetings with no need for waiting room.
        ii. Accept any invites sent to you. Members will have to join management committee channel to be added to the subcommittee.
        iii. Once all are in team, then necessary content distribution will occur and additional invitations can happen.
    c. WMSC web page content checks
        i. New website is in draft form. Everything from our last website will be moved over but may need to clean up some of the past meeting minutes and such.
    d. Other updates
        i. New NWCG Standard Operating Procedures, PMS 900. All existing and new members should become familiar with it. May be older, inaccurate information online. New publication linked below has the current information. https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/pms900

2. Draft Standard Operating Procedures and Mission/Objectives
    a. These are still "working" documents.
    b. With a new organization and structure, these documents will evolve with time.

3. Solicit Feedback for Future In-person Meeting
    a. Good opportunity with new members and NWCG reorganization
    b. Valuable to have an in-person meeting before the next NWCG annual meeting in February 2027.
        i. Budget may not get passed in October which would make travel challenging.

ii. 11/2-6 and 11/16-20 are scheduled for IPTM analysis which may cause conflict for any members involved as SMEs.
iii. With further discussion, early-December or mid-to-late January was suggested as the best option.

c. It is recognized that all the representative agencies likely have different allowances for travel for this purpose.
d. NWCG may have funding available for members to travel
    i. Limited largely to NASF members.

4. Next step from Management Committee
    a. Mark Neely introduced as Management Committee (MC) Liaison.
    b. Nothing significant from recent MC meetings due to limited participation driven by fire activity.

5. Action Items
    a. Brainstorm agenda ideas for in-person meeting.
    b. Create a running list of priority topics that need to be revisited and content potential for After Action Reviews.

6. Significant Agency/Organization Updates
    a. USFS — Page. The Forest Service organization/feasibility study is now contracted out. The study is looking at the impacts of separating USFS fire role from remainder of agency. Report tentatively rolling out in February 2027.
    b. DOI USWFS — Hansen. USWFS has released Vision, Mission, and Core Values.
    c. Hansen & Bruno & USFS – WUI Mitigation Team Member (WMTM)(t) assigned to the Skillet Fire in Montana. Good opportunity for training and "socializing" roles. Appreciative of the local unit's willingness to incorporate mitigation.
    d. NWCG – Gaskill. For awareness – NWCG is reviewing the stewardship of all NWCG products. WMSC responsible for PMS 052 and PMS 053.

Meeting adjourned

***Next meeting: September 2, 2026, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*