



Conference Call Minutes – February 6, 2019

Historian: Riley Pilgrim

Time: 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time

Roll Call:

Jolene Ackerman, Marty Cassellius, Brett Holt, Melanie Karns, Pam Leschak, Sarah McCaffrey, Jonathan Skinner, Riley Pilgrim, Jennifer Hansen

Approve December 19th Minutes: Delay for reading; will approve later

Item 1: In Person Meeting Option

- Identify need to reschedule; location and dates
- Co-meet with the Prevention Group
 - They are meeting in Virginia, June timeframe
 - Discussion of the Mitigation Specialist and Best Practices documents
 - Pam has received comments and feels there is no additional need to discuss this as we have had time. "Group think" has been completed and would like to move forward. – June is not a good time for Pam, perhaps the Reno WUI Conference is best
 - Brett – Fairly open to meet when the group is able to; WUI is a good option
 - Riley – WUI Conference
 - Jonathan Skinner – WUI Conference is a good time frame
 - Perhaps we consider engaging and collaborating with the FMOs as they typically are the ones implementing this work on the ground. Regional meetings may be the best option
 - Melanie – Isn't planning on attending the conference, but will consider travelling for a meeting if organized
- Continued discussion on the documents would be valuable for review, but the primary and final edits are completed.
 - Pam would like the WUI Committee to review the document to understand the reasons for the information in the document for final approval.
- If meeting at the WUI Conference in Reno it is preferred to have more than a dinner. Perhaps a get together to discuss these items in a small work session.
- Fire Adapted Coalition meeting is the week before the WUI Conference
 - Determine who and when people will be there and determine if there is enough people in attendance to hold a meeting.
 - Consider events and fatigue after spending a considerable amount of time in class, meetings and networking.
 - Perhaps Tuesday morning
 - Everyone needs to send a confirmation of attendance and commitments if they are going to be there and their availability to Sarah.

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Sarah McCaffrey
USDA Forest Service – Research and Development

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Melanie Karns, National Association of State Foresters
Brett Holt, FEMA
Riley Pilgrim, International Association of Fire Chiefs
Jon Bruno, Coalition for the Upper South Platte

Item 2:

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Round Table

Jolene – Attended Firewise Sites of Excellence in San Antonio, TX during January. Intent was to find a way to engage Firewise more proactively with private property owners. Seven states (including Wisconsin) were involved. Potential for participation on the Firewise ad hoc committee or linking this committee with NFPA. Shared different ways Firewise is considering to engage private partners in mitigation work.

Pam – Familiar with NFPA and Firewise; NFPA did not want to participate on NWCG committees due to conflicts. Kathy Prudhomme has left NFPA for another position. Feels the connection between the two groups is already covered.

Brett – Discussed information in regards to Phyllis and her retirement. UFSA is working on finding a new representative.

Sarah – Shared a few updates and insights on projects she had worked on. New document was released in regards to the global fire problem and how to think about and approach global fire challenges in relation to climate change.

Meeting adjourned 12:40 p.m. mountain time

Next Meeting: Jan 2nd, 2019