



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Conference Call Minutes – June 5, 2019

Historian – Jennifer Hansen for Riley Pilgrim

1300 Central Time

Roll Call – Deb Fleming, Jennifer Hansen, Jeremy Taylor, Jolene Ackerman, Jon Bruno, Melanie Karns and Pam Leschak

A. Review and approve May minutes

- Motion to approve May minutes by Pam, second by Jennifer.

B. Review New NWCG Glossary Terms

- The group reviewed the list of 22 new proposed NWCG terms. The only term that is relevant to this committee is Horizontal Fuels Arrangement. Jeremy will review the proposed definition and also review vertical fuels and ladder fuels to make sure there is no redundancy.

C. Promote CMAT within respective networks

- Please send an e-mail with the link to the CMAT website to your member agency network contacts i.e. fire managers, mitigation practitioners. Put that personal touch in the e-mail so that your contacts understand that you endorse the team.

D. Research on education relating to mitigation

- Messaging does not equal more action on the ground. Developing brochures, public service announcement and billboards are not motivating mitigation actions. One on one engagement practices is proving to be worth the investment of time and resources. Most successful programs are getting away from participating at “education booths” at fairs and big public events.
- Jon Bruno will share an action of individual home ignition zone report with specific action items for the landowner to complete. This report is automatically emailed to the landowner.
- Jeremy shared that individual face to face meetings specific to their property is very effective in Colorado Springs.

E. Updated definitions to WUI Desk Guide

- Jennifer updated the definitions of qualitative and quantitative risk assessment to match the NWCG Glossary definitions.
- Deb will submit the updated version to NWCG publications.

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Round table –report on items relevant to the member agency you represent, other relevant/interesting items:

- Melanie Karns (NASF) – No report
- Pam Leschak (USFS) – Working with FEMA to get more wildfire mitigation funds on the ground to the right places. Also there's a new National Risk Assessment being developed which will include displaying where mitigation has occurred.
- Jon Bruno (advisor) – will host a webinar the last Friday at the end of each month during the summer. The first one will be on June 28th which will focus on introducing communities to the CMAT. Also reviewing the performance measures on the NCS goals and linking them to actual mitigation work.
- Jeremy Taylor (advisor) – the link below will take you to the FEMA Wildfire Mitigation Strategies Tested and Lessons Learned video conducted with the Colorado Springs Fire Department late last year. It can also be found on YouTube under the second link. Colorado Springs Fire Department Website: <https://coloradosprings.gov/video/fema-colorado-wildfire-mitigation-strategies-tested-and-lessons-learned-wind-fire-loss>
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IiyA-PEIzVI>
- Deb Fleming – Connections Call is on June 26th. Everyone is welcome to join the call. Also sign up for NWCG e-mail notifications in order to review incident position descriptions.
- Jennifer Hansen (NASF) – No report
- Jolene Ackerman (NASF) – 3rd NCS workshop Oct. 21-24 in Plymouth MA. Call for proposals due July 1st.

Meeting adjourned 1402 Central Time

Next Meeting: July 3, 2019

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