



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Conference Call Minutes – July 3, 2019

Historian –Riley Pilgrim

1300 Central Time

Roll Call –, Jolene Ackerman, Jennifer Hansen, Jeremy Taylor, Brett Holt, Sarah McCaffrey, Marty Cassellius, Pam Leschak, Riley Pilgrim

A. Review and approve June minutes

- Motion to approve June minutes by Jeremy Taylor, second by Sarah McCaffrey.

B. Unforeseen Consequences - WUI Mitigation Desk Reference Guide Feedback

- WUI Mitigation Desk Reference Guide; some edits were made in the document, specifically to the terms qualitative and quantitative. Issues were presented when the document came out. Feedback was not positive to the reviewers and editors. Specific issues were in regards to some of the references and use of terms and organizational names.
- Jennifer and Brett will stay on task to make sure the issues are addressed. Will complete an initial review by the next conference call in August. Objective will be to determine the needed workload on the document.
- Pam – Lets make sure we know why we are doing this and what the end state is before we get too far into reviewing the document and making changes. We have spent a lot of time on a lot of projects that don't necessarily relate to our mission. Perhaps a strategic plan will help determine the direction of this committee.

C. FEMA Wildfire Mitigation Strategies Tested – Video - Jeremy

- Is there a benefit to linking the mitigation strategies video to our website.
- <https://coloradosprings.gov/video/fema-colorado-wildfire-mitigation-strategies-tested-and-lessons-learned-wind-fire-loss>
- Do we link this video, do a rotation of videos, or is there another one we want for the website?
- How much effort do we want to put into the website? Is it going to be worth the effort?
- Discussion included the promotion of our website? Why aren't we and why wouldn't we? Returns to effort – is the outcome worth the effort? Will there be a return on our effort?
- Perhaps having a dynamic website would bring more traffic.
- Will revisit upon the completion of the desk reference guide.

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D. Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide – Survey & Updates

- Working on our input into the S-130 & S-190 revision
- Survey is out on the recommended use of the management field guide
- Good timing as the updates to S-130 & 190 will relate to the updates that may go into the management field guide, specifically the WUI section
- We will offer our services in regards to the WUI review of the field guide
 - Brett mentioned the value in us looking at it to maintain consistency in our messaging.

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

- Marty – Nothing to report
- Jennifer – Nothing to report
- Pam – Looking at a few jobs, will be unavailable through July. Working on CMAT.
- Sarah – USFS is conducting research on wildfire smoke – what do we know, what do we need to know as forestry and fire managers. Asked to provide a summary on what motivates people to action for our next call
- Riley – Will begin work on the 130/190 review
- Brett – A few things from FEMA: FMAG applications are coming in as fire season begins. Some money is provided to assist in the recovery/mitigation after an event. BRICK is being released for reviewed. Its effort is to educate and provide information on funding and assistance FEAM can provide before an incident. Pre-disaster mitigation grants have been reviewed and selections will be underway after applications are cleaned up. FEMA podcast was also popular with emergency managers and others in the field.
- Jeremy – Follow up on task item. Reviewed terms on horizontal, vertical and ladder fuels for redundancies. Felt they were fine and can be left as is.
- Jolene – Will be meeting with a new fire scientist at the Forest Service’s Forest Products Lab in Madison who is interested in finding out what WUI research needs we have in Wisconsin. They have a Firewise site in the sites of excellence. Getting feedback that the Sites of Excellence process is a bit loose and unguided. She will share this on her next call with NFPA and other state liaisons.

Meeting adjourned 1400 Central Time

Next Meeting: August 7, 2019

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