



## Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

### Conference Call Minutes – September 4, 2019

Notes by –Jeremy Taylor

1200 MDT

**Roll Call** – Jolene Ackerman, Jeremy Taylor, Sarah McCaffrey, Jonathon Bruno, Melanie Karns, Alley Lerch, Brett Holt, Jennifer Hansen, Pam Leschak, Jon Skinner, Deb Fleming

#### A. Review and approve August minutes

- Motion to approve August minutes by Pam Leschak, second Sarah McCaffrey.

#### B. NWCG S-130 Life Safety Unit, WUI Topic Feedback and Review – Jolene Ackerman

- A draft (version 2) had been sent out prior to the committee call.
- Pam and Jon B. reviewed the S130 document and provided comment and input.
- The S130 course is to follow the IRPG, which will be used as the Student Workbook.
- Sarah suggested changes to the group with regard to terminology related to extreme fire behavior. She will send specific comments and suggestions on possible rephrasing to Jolene.
- It was discussed and determined that all should provide comment additions and changes to Jolene by **September 20<sup>th</sup>** for the third draft.
- Final draft is to be submitted by **November 1, 2019**.

#### C. WUI Committee Face-to-Face Meeting and Best Practices Training – Jolene Ackerman

- In person meeting and Best Mitigation Practices Training in Boise, ID the week of **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019** **Update 9/26: this training/meeting has been cancelled.**

#### D. Building a Mitigation Infrastructure – Pam Leschak

- Largest community concern and issues that prevent mitigation is due to limitation of local capacity
  - Suggestions made that this group should help local community to support infrastructure limitations. This is accomplished through;
    - Funding - Ensure funding is provided to sources that make a difference to decrease risk
    - Local support
    - Infrastructure within an local organization
      - Ensure sustainability to accomplish mitigation through mentoring, best practices, and building a greater local capacity

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- Brett Holt - Wants to ensure there is coordination between managing agencies that have previously committed to national strategy of investment and there is alignment with how NWCG and the strategies of respective agencies.
  - Provided link with National Mitigation Framework
    - The National Mitigation Investment Strategy. This is not FEMA, it's all levels of government.
    - Strategy: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/181812>
- Jennifer Hansen
  - Proposed question - How can we realign the agencies that we represent to set a strategy for the committee for building a mitigation infrastructure?
  - This question is to remain for discussion on the next call.

### No Round Robbin

Meeting adjourned 1303 MDT

**Next Meeting: October 2, 2019**

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