



Conference Call Minutes – July 1, 2020

Notes by: Faith Berry

Time: 1200 MT

Roll Call:

Jeremy Taylor, Erin O’Conner, Jonathan Bruno, Faith Berry, Sarah McCaffrey, Jennifer Hansen, Deb Fleming

Approve June Minutes:

Minutes accepted with changes to chair to two years, and clarify John is John Bruno.

Action item: Incorporate minor edits and send minutes for posting. (Faith)

Mapping Project Information

Sara raised a question about the mapping project information that was shared last week and asked what the committee’s feeling is about it.

Jeremy shared for the committee that the information is redundant, but it is all located in one unified area. We were quiet about our true feelings; it is another website with information that is already located on a ton of other webpages. It was shared that it was put together quickly. What we are seeing is a national push to identify national areas at risk and that there is a focus on identifying risk at a national level but in doing so we are creating winners and losers. More specific areas of risk are needed to be identified locally, and this information is not coming through on a national model, and this takes away responsibility for managing risk at the local level. We are missing values at risk identified at local level, which devalues the importance of the CWPP.

Working at a national level may not engage people to take responsibility for their own risk.

This may also affect which areas are funded and may not fund areas where residents in wildfire prone areas are engaged. Waldo canyon was an example of low and moderate rated homes that encountered risk. Not a lot of cohesion where it draws line between homeowner and practitioner. Jeremy can send feedback on part of the committee to help them rethink how they are sharing information. They are not subject matter experts, so please share info and Jeremy will share the information with Jim.

Action item: If any committee member has feedback please share with Jeremy. Sara agrees this would be good coming from the committee.

WUI Specialist Task Book Status (John Bruno)

From Pam’s update: they are working on “Green Book” and a task book. John Bruno shared, that he had worked drafting a task book for the mitigation assistance team, so he needs to look at that draft, because there is one for the team leader and the team members. The draft was shared, Jeremy will push it out to the teams. John felt it was mainly drafted to teams and needs to be updated for the mitigation specialist in mind. Moving away from this term, “Green Book,” it will be called a Mitigation Field Guide. They have a good draft created, and it is moving together quickly and are developing a pocket guide a mitigation specialist can refer to before connecting with property owners.



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Yesterday was Pam's last day, she is retired. Jeremy asks if we need to form a task team to complete this.

Action items: 1) *Identify who is on the task team* 2) *Get more support from the committee; we need full engagement.* 3) *Jeremy and John will develop a strategy.* 4) *Met with federal training officers to have it included in the fed supplement; it was submitted and sent not sure what happened after that. Deb will follow up with Jim Shultz (NPS training lead).* 5) *Jon Bruno is under contract by the US Forest Service to complete this, but he is looking for input from subject matter experts*

Firewise Subcommittee (Jeremy)

Topic of discussion by Jeremy and Erin, about this subcommittee with the group. NASF and Pam had submitted some names of potential committee members for the subcommittee. Pam had not shared who is taking over possibly Greg, so Jeremy is in charge for right now. Jeremy has no email strands, needs info about names. The current roster has three NASF member.

Action item: *Jeremy will reach out to those folks and follow up with Pam.*

Glossary Terms (Jeremy)

- 1) Request for collecting external glossaries for reference in one unified glossary.
- 2) NWCG Glossary Terms out for review.

Action item: *Jeremy will resend Glossary related items. Provide any feedback to him.*

NWCG Committee Connections Call (Jeremy)

The connections call was a quick update, everybody is busy, there is some uncertainty on committees about how to get objectives done since they are not meeting face to face which is creating some challenges.

GEOMAC is being decommissioned, and a new ESRI product is coming out as well as new information for lightening data. L2A will be updated, and a smoke management guide is coming out for smoke coming across roadways which will be good info for prescribe burns. S-110 will be coming out in a more web based and entry level format. They are working on prioritizing NWCG work; currently there are 44 identified projects. Staff will be working on prioritizing all this info and a working list will be available online. Quarterly Connection Call minutes will be posted online.

Work Tracker (Erin)

Jeremy and Erin have been working on this and have created an excel spread sheet which will live on Microsoft Teams so it can be updated by all. Jeremy will keep us up to date.

Mitigation Best Practices Training will be posted on a virtual platform. It will be a facilitated class.

Action Item: *Please let Jeremy know if anything needs to be added.*

Meeting adjourned 1300 MT

Next meeting: August 5, 2020 (conference call)