

Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Conference Call Minutes – February 3, 2021

Notes by: Faith Berry Time: 12:00 pm MT 2/3/2021

Roll Call:

Faith Berry, Jonathan Bruno, Erin O'Conner, Annie Schmidt, Martin Cassellius, Annie Benoit, Karen Curtis, Jennifer Hansen, Sarah McCaffery, John Skinner, Jolene Ackerman

Approve January Minutes:

Action item: Edits will need to be made given input and removing unnecessary detail.

Introduce Annie Benoit and Annie Schmidt

Annie Schmidt, FAC Learning Network, worked with Washington State Wildfire Strategic Plan at the state level as well as active member of the FAC at the state level.

Annie Benoit, filling in as a temporary detail behind Deb Fleming who has taken a detail as the NWCG Program Manager.

NWCG Annual Meeting – February 9th & 10th

Any comments / information to carry forward to Jeremy and Erin must be sent, as they will attend and update the Executive Board Committee.

MBP Training – Request for Instructors

Jon Bruno shared one of the components of his tasks in developing the training and as it is currently being delivered. Currently there are three types of training formats: virtual, a 4 day in-person, and a speed course. The only limitation on delivery is the availability of instructors. Partnerships are being formed with the USFA, as a possibility may be able to provide instructors for a non-fee-based course but a course for Mitigation Specialist Position.

Action Item: If you wish to participate as auditor or instructor connect with Jon Bruno by end of week.

WUI Specialist Position and Position Task Book

- Update on current discussion with Mike Mattfeldt
- Current needs and status
- Run through

The working group has further developed the task book and shared updates. The task books and position has been shared with the committee and shared in the Microsoft Teams Platform. With hopeful approval and adoption, the formal position maybe approved in 2022. The due date to have the position submitted is April of 2021.

Mitigation training is not currently a NWCG course, but a position description has been created as part of the future position adoption effort.

Action item: Send the position description to the committee to be shared with their respective organization training divisions/sections for their support and feedback. All comments and feedback due before March WUI MC call.

Action Item: for The Lead WUI Specialist Position and Task Book, add information regarding budget management. If other items are to be included or are missing, provide all comments to Jeremy and Jon as soon as possible.

IRPG Feedback Request for January 2022 Request

Due Feb 1, 2021. Deadline past but if you want to share updates send comments to Jeremy vis email and he will forward comments on behalf of the WUI MC.

Action Item: Erin will send out latest version to everyone and send comments out to see what everyone has shared, and vetting process.

Updates

- 1. Desk Reference Guide Working Group: (Jennifer)
 - Due Date: March Meeting
 - Meeting Date: TBD
- 2. Draft Mitigation Field Guide (Jon Bruno)
 - Comments Due Date: ASAP
- 3. Wildfire Mitigation Programs and Mitigation Alignment (Discussion)
 - Due Date: TBD

Round Robin

Not completed due to time.

Meeting adjourned: 3:26 pm

Next meeting: March 3rd, 2021 (conference call)