



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Conference Call Minutes – March 3, 2021

Notes by: Faith Berry

Time: 1200 MT 3/3/2021

Roll Call

Faith Berry, Jonathan Bruno, Erin O'Conner, Karen Curtis, John Skinner, Jolene Ackerman, Annie Benoit, Jeremy Taylor

Approve February Minutes

Minutes approved.

NWCG Annual Meeting February 9th and 10th (Jeremy)

Two ½ day meetings were held to discuss national efforts of NWCG Committees.

Report out what the WUI MC is working on supporting all committees, looking to develop website and support tools.

National submittal for assistance/project support will be to create a proposal to support committee working efforts relating to specialized projects and documents. Connect with coordinator for assistance.

The Field Guide was proposed as the 1st and then WUI Mitigation Task Book or WUI Mitigation Training later.

NWCG will be revamping training opportunities and refresher trainings for the future.

Incident management teams are looking for opportunities to limit individuals to COVID by placing team members (like prevention and PIO) on web-based platforms.

NWCG has developed Leadership levels in positions which will impact IPD's for training.

The new Edge data base will enable changes to different components of a training to be easier and more integrated across all platforms.

WUI Specialist Position Status (Jon B., Jennifer, Jeremy)

The WUI Specialist Position (WMIT) and proposed WUI Specialist Lead Position has been vetted with Mike Mattfeldt. Steps including a draft memo to NWCG will need to be provided by the Chair position, on behalf of the WUI MC, to explain the position and recommendation for the WUI Specialist Lead position to be included.

The Mitigation Best Practice Training has also been submitted via formal request to be reviewed by NWCG as a proposed course to be adopted.

Action Item: Share position information to our respective agencies and organizations for support and continued recognition.

America Burning WUI Survey (All)

Review some bullets create consolidated committee document to share.

Various topics and modifications were made to the collective WUI MC America Burning WUI Survey. The following were some of the topics discussed collectively based upon feedback provided to the Chair:

1. Firefighter Safety review feedback
2. Work with committees to get more training
3. Public Safety
4. Evacuation will leave examples in rework not referring to specific programs
5. Recovery
6. Technology
7. Data Use Modeling not creating models not used
8. Forest and rangeland health and common theme prescribed fire as recommendation
9. Community Planning, CWPP's utilized, land use planning, fund CWPP identified efforts
10. Reworked Public Utility comments.

Comments approved with minor adjustments. A final draft will be provided to the WUI MC for final comments and submittal upon completion.

Action item: Review the current survey and provide feedback as soon as possible, will submit with changes to Jeremy ASAP.

Working Project Status Report-out (to be covered next meeting)

1. Desk Reference Guide Working Group: (Jennifer)
2. Draft Mitigation Field Guide (Jon Bruno)
Deadline for final comments was 22nd of January
Final draft status and next steps for publication
3. Wildfire Mitigation Programs and Mitigation Alignment (Discussion)

Round Robin: (to be covered next meeting)

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 pm

Next meeting: April 7th, 2021 (conference call)