



Conference Call Minutes – July 7, 2021

Notes by:

Time: 1200 MT 7/7/2021

Roll Call

Sarah McCaffrey, Erin O'Connor, Faith Berry, Jon Bruno, Jeremy Taylor, Jolene Ackerman, Erik Litzenberg, Sheryl Page, Annie Schmidt

Approve June Minutes

June minutes approved

Follow-up items

WUI Specialist Position – Lead/Member (Sheryl) Meeting held with members and Joe Shawn. On hold in developing lead position.

WUI Field Guide (Annie S. and Jon Bruno) Updated language sent out to check for grammar, spelling and then second review it is tracking well. By end of August another draft should be available for review.

Face to Face Meeting (Jeremy) Working on a meeting following the WUI Conference, November 14-16. This meeting may be a hybrid meeting to accommodate those who cannot travel. Back end of meeting would work for most people. It was decided a Hybrid meeting will be scheduled for November 17-18.

Desk Reference Guide Update (Jolene)

Working group status to be determined or determine if changes are to be made.

Date for working group meeting: TBD Jolene wants to review and will let us know if a working group will be formed.

WUI Mitigation Standard Working Group Update (Erin & Jeremy)

The June meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The working group's next meeting is scheduled July 22nd.

Review the WUI MC Glossary Terms (Erin)

The terms managed by the committee, some terms like "Green Belt and I-Zone" will be reviewed for relevance. Erin will compile a list of terms and send to the group for comments and will check on other terms for discussion.

Action Item: Erin and team will work together on a word document and google drive for all members to have the opportunity to review before next meeting. Recognizing some terms are under multiple NWCG committee ownerships.

Vacancy for WUI MC Membership (Jeremy)

Over the years there have been several agencies and affiliates associated with the WUI MC that are no longer active or have representation on the committee. Jeremy has asked if there are others, we as a committee, would like to include into the membership?

The request would be to add other representatives that are strong candidates and would be a voting member with the committee.

We can add anyone there is not a set seat number, like someone from NASF. Formally WUIMC had members from Emergency Management, Western States, and US Fish and Wildlife. We can add names next meeting. Review formalizing roles for SME participation. A motion was made to identify and discuss participating agency representatives and or nonprofit SME's. Motion approved. This item will be discussed next meeting, including how can we engage them.

Action Item: Jeremy will check on NWCG charter rules and intent of committees for next meeting. Check committee Charter and NWCG Charter.

Action Item: Everyone come prepared with suggestions for committee members, agencies for next committee meeting.

Report outs (All)

A question was raised, regarding the survey completed for the AB WUI effort, that project by IAFC managed by Jim Karels, Is there a final comment period? Erik Litzenberg will connect with Jim regarding the second draft so committee members who wish to comment can do so.

Mitigation best practices - 2-day training will be given as a preconference for the WUI Conference in Reno. Will share information on formalized flyer on virtual conference in September.

Question raised, Do we have a working group regarding WUI Policy and mitigation policy at a national level? We don't currently but we could start one up. Just informational about WUI topics, tracking, etc.

Action Item: Consider discussion about mitigation in different contexts that of normal fires, considering megafires and other considerations.

Round Robin:

Meeting adjourned: Approximately 12:51 pm MT

Next meeting: August 4th, 2021 (conference call)