



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Conference Call Minutes – October 6, 2021

Notes by: Faith Berry

Time: 1200 MT 10/6/2021

Roll Call

Faith Berry, Jeremy Taylor, Jon Skinner, Sarah McCaffery, Annie Schmidt, Jon Bruno, Deb Fleming, and Jennifer Hansen, Jolene Ackerman

Approve September Minutes

Approved

Follow-up items

- Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Position – Lead/Member (Jeremy & Sheryl) Was approved so will move forward. Changed the name, position code the same for Lead and Member.
 - Action Item; Forward information to agency for support.
- WUI Field Guide (Sheryl) Continued working item. Meetings will be scheduled more frequently, final draft targeted for January with product ready by next spring (April).
- Face-to-Face Meeting on Nov. 17 & 18 (Jeremy) IAFC WUI Conference is going to be virtual. IAFC WUI Conference will be rescheduled for face-to-face in March 2022. Keep the dates held as the committee will work on various working documents.
 - Action Item: hold Nov 17-18 for working on WUI Field Guide, Position, and Mitigation Standard
 - Jeremy will send calendar invite for virtual meeting Nov 17-18.

Wildland/Urban Interface Protection Specialist - FEMA

- Working group to determine status or determine if changes are to be made
Date for working group meeting: TBD
- Deployable position through FEMA, heavy on wildfire component and planning.
- Make position user friendly all hazards position.
- We commented especially on training component including Mitigation Best Practices, S-215 and FAC training NFA, NWCG Business management s-360 was split into two lead and crew position a type 1 and type 2 position. This is moving forward, solidifies need through NWCG.
 - Action Item: Look at notes will go out for public feedback November 3. Those interested in comments please let Jeremy know.

WUI Mitigation Standard Working Group Update (Jeremy)

- Update from J. Bender. Had good initial conversation, some edits being made through Google Docs.
- Desk Reference Guide needs to be merged into the Standard, discussion to be held later
- Doodle poll sent for Working Group Meeting
- Deadlines: Want to have document put together by November for our meeting.
 - Action Item: Fill out google poll.

Glossary Term (Jeremy/Erin)

- Determine if all terms remain applicable/ used (Greenway, I-Zone, etc.).
- Question raised about terms existing in dictionary, some terms defined differently so it is important to have interagency commonality. Counter to existing definitions to include references to WUI content not just firefighting terms. We are not only owners of all terms; will collaborate with other committees.
- Action Item: Review the Google drive of Glossary terms and comments received
 - All comments due by COB November 3, 2021

Report outs (All)

- IAWF Conference mentions NWCG WUI committee work
- FAC NET finished two webinars on evacuation available on You Tube. Lots of good information will have more evacuation offerings.
- Check out information on teaching NWCG courses with requirements changing.
- Mitigation Best Practices Course now have 40 students some from Louisiana and Florida some good discussion because of diverse audience, RENO conference change so will offer preconference class at March conference. Will host another training in November and February.
- Question about short version course and long version course. Looking at developing homework and assignments to achieve certification. Moving to a one-week immersion course for certification.

Round Robin:

- No report made

Meeting adjourned: 12:40 MT

Next meeting: November 3, 2021 (conference call)