



WUI MC Virtual Face-to-Face Meeting

Day 1 – November 17, 2021

- 0900 – 1000MT
 - USFS Training Specialist Introduction and Presentation
- 1000 – 1200MT
 - Mitigation Specialist Position Overview
 - Will be US Forest Service position; now AD's will be eligible to have this certification.
 - Need more agencies to support the position.
 - Not designed for NGO. We have a position, statistics will be part of the pilot, get more. Will check on ability of NASF to adopt training and position this is another avenue of pulling in state folks.
 - Track and record the pilot program and demand from agencies
 - Field Guide
 - Field guide was worked on in Mural online platform and was organized under categories with leadership from Annie and Jolene. Rearranged groupings with the content that we have. The topics were grouped, and chapter titles were developed. Lines were used to show where content was related to indicate topics that could fit within more than one chapter. IRPG safety items and COVID topic were flagged as items to consider for removal. Green circles were added with additional content that should be considered to be added.
 - Next step is "second level streamlining" to determine the best arrangement of the content of chapters. Each one of us have volunteered to take a chapter.
 - Organize content and determine how to address what is missing.
 - Use NIFC image data base for images, need to check links and QR codes.
 - Deadline for second level streamlining is December 10.
 - Shooting for January time frame probably end of January to have final draft.
 - After the chapters have been reorganized, other committee members can sign up to review chapter content during the December committee meeting. Committee will then go through the chapter content for a final review and then have their comments ready for meeting January 5. Make final edits and then get to publication by January 31.
 - Ensure content is evergreen and as broad as possible. Any new content and all changes should be made in track changes.
 - Final draft ready December 8. Just reviewing content don't focus on wordsmithing or format.



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- Section Assignments (person organizing section):
 - Mitigation – Sarah
 - Community Engagement and Partnerships – Jolene & Annie
 - Regulation, Policies and Plans – Annie
 - Defensible Space/Home Hardening – Jolene
 - Fuels Treatments – Jennifer
 - Safety and Pre-event Planning and Logistics – Faith
 - How much do we want to marry up the documents (field guide/WUI Standard) so documents don't contradict each other, should these documents marry up?
 - The Standard was reorganized using the reorganization of the field guide with the standard. The basic topic organization should be the same. Ensure alignment but not duplicative as much as possible.
 - Check out reviewed doc on Google Doc;
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SiW8HXUrkCdAwdUETxEmQQMiQRXowwM?usp=sharing>
- 1200 – 1300MT (Lunch)
 - 1300 – 1500MT
 - WUI Standard Development (group work)

Day 2 – November 18, 2021

- 0900 – 1200MT
 - WUI Standard Development Ongoing work in document.
 - Debrief
 - Faith shared about America Burning WUI paper will come out the beginning of the year.
 - Annie shared information about Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission that begins on page 822 of Infrastructure Bill
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3684/text>
 - Sheryl made recommendation about Firewise subcommittee - remove the name of Firewise and instead focus on the greater wildfire community mitigation issues, address new positions, training etc. and be able to look at and then present to the whole group.
 - This would raise awareness at local and national level. Perhaps disband and revitalize.
 - This will be an agenda item for next meeting in December what do we want to do with that group.
 - Should we have ad hoc groups; this may be most flexible way to address complex issues?
 - There is time to capture the information, maybe working group can capture national level policy on a monthly basis, may need



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people outside of the community to support the greater organization and to share with the group.

- Maybe wait a few months and wait to see what funding becomes available for what programs as this may impact the groups.
 - Our decisions may take 3 phases
 - 1. what do we do with Firewise Subcommittee? 2. How do we support national programs to support US Forest Service? 3. How do we engage at a national level with policies, FEMA positions etc.?
 - Action Item: Put on December meeting. Revised proposal removes FW subcommittee, replace committee with ad hoc work groups we look at starting. Start thinking about what work groups we see and who will be on the work groups.
 - Jennifer Hansen shared information regarding the federal supplement WUI mitigation specialist position.
 - If the USFS lists a position in federal supplement, then states can adopt it. If someone gets ordered out of the state for this position if they are approved by their state it cannot go from one state to another. The best contact is to work with Jim Carells who works for NASF as he can advocate for different states to adopt.
 - May need to make additional contact to NASF and Cohesive groups with a coordinated outreach in the US Forest Service as we share information.
- 1200 – 1300MT (Lunch)
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 - WUI Field Guide Status and Side-by-side review of alignment with WUI Standard
 - Committee determined to revisit the guides, set schedules and timelines for the revisions and final drafting of documents.