



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Minutes – May 3, 2023

Time: 1200 MT 5/3/2023

Roll Call

Sarah Lee, Erin O'Connor, Faith Berry, Marty Cassellius, Jolene Ackerman, John Skinner, Ashley Whitworth, Dan Beveridge, Sheryl Page, Andy Pascarella

Approve April Meeting Minutes

No comments or additions. J. Ackerman motioned to approve the minutes; F. Berry seconded the motion.

Discussion/Follow-up Items

Standard for Mitigation in the WUI update: received minimal input from the Executive Board; this was addressed by E. O'Connor and F. Berry. The standard is working through the final NWCG approval process. Since the Standard is a new document, there will be a MailChimp and NWCG webpage announcement. Possibly posted to social media channels as well.

Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide (Sheryl)

Report-out and update Field Guide Google Folder:

- S. Page sent a final draft, which E. O'Connor shared for committee review.
 - *Need a final review for sensemaking, utility, and catching of any glaring errors.*
 - Disregard minor formatting errors - that will change around the final editing step.
- *2 weeks allowed for review - moving forward at that time.*
- External review - SME input from field personnel to offer a similar review with the same timeline (ground truthing)
- *Additional photos - need to ask for these specifically from external parties (5/17 deadline as well)*
- S. Lee stated that quick review of the guide provides the impression that it is very well done and is more digestible than many similar products.

WUIMC SOPs (Erin)

Report out and update:

- Small working group continuing process of review - roles, membership, goals, etc.
- Began re-writing objectives and will likely review the Mission Statement in the future.
- End of the year estimated time frame for completion.

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

S. Page

- WUI Training gap analysis - USFS moving forward with significant feedback from this committee and during a session(s) at the WUI Conference in Reno.
 - Utilizing fireadapted.org as the central hub for practitioners - considering making it a searchable database.
 - No time frame established now, more to come.
- Very excited to have Pascarella on board.
 - NWCG mitigation specialist position w/PTB adoption will be one project.
- CWDG - quite a bit of work to do to get the 2nd round of applications delivered.

- Working on delivering ranking and commentary to applicants, past and present.
- Trying to be mindful of timeframes while also trying to improve the process in a meaningful way.
- "Stay tuned"
- Another round of webinars will accompany delivery.
- CMAT Team traveling to NC coast - Croatan NF
 - S. Page & Maureen Brooks working on a Community of Practice Sharepoint site for mitigation; originally intended for USFS folks but likely to broaden audience.
 - Plan to release in June.

F. Berry

- USFA prevention messaging coming out related to heavy winter rain in CA and potential for significant fire activity prompted by additional vegetation growth.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: June 7, 2023, via Teams Video Conference