



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Minutes – June 7, 2023

Time: 1200 MT 6/7/2023

Roll Call

Bailey Horton (for A. Whitworth), Dan Beveridge, Martin Cassellius, Jolene Ackerman, Erin O'Connor, Sheryl Page, Jon Skinner, Faith Berry, Katy Wood (for S. Lee)

Approve April Meeting Minutes

No comments or additions. F. Berry motioned to approve the minutes; S. Page seconded the motion.

WUI Training Gap Analysis (Erik Litzenberg)

Erik provided an update to the WUI Training Gap Analysis initiative. A one-pager was provided that should be referenced to define phases covered in overview briefing. Request to committee members: review from an agency perspective, consider what your agency could or should be doing. The timeframe for feedback: respond as soon as desired; email shared within the week to provide future deadline for feedback.

Discussion/Follow-up Items

Standard for Mitigation in the WUI update: the Standard was released and received some immediate commentary/feedback, e.g., Cohesive Strategy Addendum was not published when Standard was submitted and needs to be incorporated in some fashion. E. O'Connor created a digital update tracker to capture potential changes or comments. Committee members should feel free to add comments or inputs to the tracker. If comments are received, they should be reviewed by the committee. The comments don't necessarily need to drive the changes, but they should be reviewed.

Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide (Sheryl)

Report-out and update Field Guide Google Folder: [link](#)

- Final touches, minor edits to review and complete.
- Feedback provided indicated broad practitioner appreciation and thanks.
- Next step, set up a meeting with publications group.
- Photo credits and other minor additions for 508 compliance.
- Considering a small printing batch initially in order to catch any potential errors so that they can be addressed before broader distribution.

WUIMC SOPs (Erin)

Report out and update:

- Working group unable to meet
- Reviewed objectives and mission statement at last session to confirm accuracy
- Progress being made
- Hoping by Fall to have a good draft for committee review
- Goal to have something deliverable by end of year

Fall Meeting (All)

- Planning Group (2-3 people):
 - Want folks identified by July or August.
- Intend to be in person.
- 6th National Cohesive Strategy Workshop:
 - Santa Fe, NM | November 6-10, 2023.
 - Anticipate the conference is 3-4 days rather than full 5 of the work week.
 - CoCo training is anticipated on front or back end.
 - Do not want to overlap with conference.
- <http://cohesivestrategyworkshop.org/important-dates/>

Work Ideas Discussion (All)

- Need new project goals now that work is winding down on big projects from the past.
- Work Ideas compiled in a document (dated May 2023), opportunity for input on topics provided during meeting.
 - List was reviewed as a group - all received well by committee.
- Berry recommended concentrating on webpage update - content additions in line with NWCG guidelines.
 - Concept came up with the SOP group as well.
- S-215 update questions:
 - Required for any positions, no. | Suggested for single resource bosses.
 - Requesting that committees channel critical pieces of information into position descriptions (PTBs).
 - Training course revision process - <https://www.nwcg.gov/course-steward-training-revision-process>.
 - Larger training revision process - <https://www.nwcg.gov/iptm>.
 - 10 positions are prioritized this year.
- SP recommended adding a dump location so committee members can suggest guest speakers and/or topics.
 - This will help keep us up to date with relevant topics, to cross-pollinate.
- Additional ideas welcome - add to it anytime.

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

K. Wood on behalf of S. Lee: Wood - on behalf of Lee

- Feedback about WUI Standard, updates needed - NFPA (combined into 1140) & IWUIC standards from 2018 are outdated.
- ? When smaller edits are needed, is it easier than larger scale changes.

E. O'Connor: July meeting coincident week of July 4th - possibility of meeting cancelled – TBD.

Meeting adjourned

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