



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Minutes – September 6, 2023

Time: 1200 MT 8/2/2023

Roll Call

Ashley Whitworth, Dan Beveridge, Erin O'Connor, Sheryl Page, Faith Berry, Andy Pascarella, Jen Hansen

Approve Meeting Minutes

Postponed; will follow up via email. Committee needs to approve June and August minutes.

Discussion/Follow-up Items

Fall Meeting (All)

- Planning Group (2-3 people): Jon Skinner, Faith Berry, and Erin O'Connor.
- 6th National Cohesive Strategy Workshop, Santa Fe, NM | November 6-10, 2023.

WUI Definition (Steward: FMB)

- Next CEPC meeting next week:
 - *Communication, Education, Prevention Committee*
- Proposal to join committee forces for this potential task which has some backing/support.
 - Talk through suggested potential definition.
- Will continue working with NWCG coordinators to avoid issues by breaching this sensitive topic.

Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide (Sheryl)

Report-out and update Field Guide Google Folder:

Delivered to publications committee:

Their review will likely take a few months (3 months).

Compliance, final formatting, etc.

Our committee's work is essentially done.

Need a plan to print the field guide:

Intend to stagger release of digital vs hardcopy in order to capture potential need for edits that can be incorporated into printed copies.

★ *Decide on size - working group proposed either 7"x5" or 8.5"x5".*

★ *Decide on binding - spiral bound (like IRPG) but on side.*

★ *Decide on paper material - prefer thicker material for cover & tab chapters - including colored pages (thought they might not be the best since there are a number of color photos already within).*

★ *Decide on number of copies desired for printing.*

Larger orders preferred:

Minimum 500

Do not need to submit a funding request for printing.

Answers to these questions preferred by next meeting or shortly thereafter.

★ *Will send an email to gather answers from broader group - allow 2 weeks for responses.*

? Question arose about the ability to pre-order this publication:

Option for pre-order likely does not exist.

Need to just work with providing cache.

Preliminary work completed on letter that will be delivered since we're transitioning from a desk guide to a field guide.

Early December rollout likely

Soft rollout initially, bigger rollout afterwards considering coincidence with holidays?

? Can request a delayed rollout to avoid this arrangement.

★ Check to see if we have any say to on rollout timing.

Executive Board review may postpone delivery regardless.

WUIMC SOPs (Erin)

Report out and update: Working group has not met since the last meeting, due in large part to significant fire activity.

Wildfire Mitigation Team Lead & Team Member (Andy, Sheryl)

PDs went to USFS WO 2 weeks ago:

Receipt not yet confirmed.

October 1 deadline for inclusion in the AD pay plan.

BLM may be adopting these.

Initial concerns about whether the associated N9073 (MBP) course is in IQCS, concerns sourced primarily through states.

CoCo is working on getting this pushed to the learning portal.

★ Additional outreach for course requested.

FB suggested sharing through Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) and other channels.

Including NIST, etc.

Hansen suggested channeling through Training committee as well.

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

S. Page/USFS - CWDG office hours are in place | reference CWDG webpage | tune in for questions regarding applications.

USFS Strategic Plan has been released by Community WF Mitigation group:

SP will provide a copy to distribute to this committee.

F. Berry -WF Commission report coming out this month, look for it in December | 7 main themes (workforce, mitigation, etc.).

J. Hansen - Working to get BLM to endorse the above positions since there have been questions and concerns about how much of the mitigation work being done is on behalf of states, not federal agencies.

E. O'Connor is working to endorse the positions in the Southern Area in particular & she sees continued interest and some potential to support adoption.

S. Page suggests working through state to state compacts in order to ensure cross-boundary support for these new positions and broader use/utility.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: October 4, 2023, via Teams Video Conference