



# Wildland *U*rban *I*nterface *M*itigation *C*ommittee

## Minutes – October 4, 2023

Time: 1200 MT 10/4/2023

### Roll Call

Ashley Whitworth, Dan Beveridge, Erin O'Connor, Sheryl Page, Faith Berry, Andy Pascarella, Jen Hansen, Jon Skinner, Marty Cassellius, Jolene Ackerman

### Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

No edits/discussion. Motion to approve: J. Ackerman; Second: F. Berry.

### Discussion/Follow-up Items

#### Fall Meeting - Cohesive Strategy Workshop in SF, NM

- Virtual components are necessary since O'Connor is unable to attend in person.
- Ackerman update:
  - 4 full days
  - Some folks are more restricted on travel.
  - Options really are either Sunday or Friday or perhaps an evening.
  - Asked for space for this committee meeting and it was approved by IAWF.
- O'Connor suggest we hold a normal meeting next month along with an informal meeting together around dinner:
  - Noting that heavy lifting is out of the way.
  - Uninterested in requiring the group to do planning work following a very long day.
- Page notes that 11/10 is a federal holiday, disallowing travel.

#### WUI Definition

- O'Connor briefly joined the Communication, Education, Prevention Committee last week:
  - Receptive to involvement from this group.
  - Desire to initiate this discussion on our end.
  - Proposal to allow folks available to participate in that discussion after the bulk of this meeting concludes.

#### Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide (Sheryl)

- Received some feedback:
  - Spiral bound
  - Plastic cover due to wear & tear associated with field use
  - Thicker paper for chapter dividers
  - Printed copies will reside at the cache
  - Initial printing can be ordered through normal channels when available
    - 1,500-2,000
  - Print size requested to be the same as what is available in digital format
    - 5.5x8.5"
- Initial printing covered by NWCG and the cache:
  - Agencies have to pay for orders; none are free from the cache.

- Ackerman mentioned that in the NE Area, instructor cadres for S-215 course are interested in distributing this to their students

### **WUIMC SOPs (Erin)**

- Doesn't reflect the current committee and the work done.
- Still working through SOPs.
- A number of items need to be approved by the larger committee.

### **Potential Associate Member (All)**

- Proposal to include Pascarella as an associate member.
- Page references value of additional members in general, but more specifically as a potential alternative in her absence.
- Approved
  - O'Connor will ensure this is reflected

### **Report-outs/Round Robin (All)**

- **O'Connor:** Sarah Lee has a new position with NWCG and will move out of Coordinator role (Katy O'Hara will be her replacement, currently an NWCG Coordinator).
  - Standard updates will be pushed - requesting additional input from anyone that has needs.
- **Berry:** WF Commission report out: <https://www.usda.gov/topics/disaster-resource-center/wildland-fire/commission>.
  - Impressed that a group that size was able to promote the number of unanimous recommendations
- **Hansen:** BLM state leads met recently, and the WMS role came up again. Not all state reps on board support this but will be up for a vote shortly.
- **Page/USFS:** Still no word on whether WMS has been added to the AD Pay Plan.

### **Meeting adjourned**

*Next meeting: November 1, 2023, via Teams Video Conference*