



Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2024

Time: 1200 MT 5/1/2024

Roll Call

Berry, Whitworth, Cassellius, Ackerman, Hansen, O'Connor, Page, Beveridge, Jonathan Bruno, Erik Litzenberg

Approve March Meeting Minutes

No corrections | First motion – Page | Second motion – Berry
April minutes still unapproved

WUI Mitigation Training - Erik Litzenberg

• WUI Training Gap Analysis

- Started 1.5 years ago
- Phases 1&2 involved gathering partner input on status and condition
- Partners from all levels of government along with NGOs (in-person & virtual)
- Summary identified gaps but more importantly opportunities
- *Broad Recommendations:*
 - *Virtualize all content*
 - *Modernization of existing curriculum to include mitigation, FAC, Cohesive Strategy*
 - *Creation of new content/curriculum*
- Phases 3&4 – creation of an action plan to increase training availability
 - Online searchable database of courses
 - Capturing activity in this workspace
 - Prioritization process to address gaps
- Surveys for practitioners and partners
 - 109 responses received from practitioners (greater than 100% total due to ability to identify in more than 1 category)
 - 75% from structure department with WUI challenge
 - 50% wildland FF
 - 20% mitigation specialists
 - 5% land managers
 - Full Practitioner Audience prioritization
 - 1)formalize quals and acceptance of mitigation positions
 - 2)develop educational modules in existing courses
 - 3)develop new courses for content
 - 4)lower cost of existing opportunities
 - 5)virtualize existing content
 - 6)design courses for specific audiences
 - 7)develop post-fire curriculum
 - NWCG priorities
 - 1)create basic level NWCG course required of all positions
 - 2)develop a module on mitigation, etc. for S-215 course (WUI class)
 - 3)virtualize everything
 - 4)create WUI fire behavior/fire dynamics unit
 - 5)develop module on WUI for a specific track of courses (S-130, S-230, S-330)
 - 6)develop module/section on mitigation in ALL courses

- 7)boost saws course S-212 to diversify beyond suppression
- 8)develop basic course that is optional
- Emergency Management Community priorities
 - 1)develop new related courses
 - 2)create module for existing courses
 - 3)virtualize/improve availability of existing courses
 - 4)create module for inclusion in existing courses
- Partner Survey (**only 4 respondents**)
 - 50% stated they were currently executing mitigation activities
 - 1)reducing cost of current deliverables
 - 2)develop ed modules in existing
 - 3)create new courses
 - Additional priorities will have to be referenced in report due to inability to capture in notes...
- Comments/Input:
 - Though much information is provided, there will be certainly valuable summary points accessible with analysis
 - Next version of survey to capture additional partner input should be considered
 - Online database would be useful for additional partner engagement
 - Capture what organizations are already doing
 - What from the survey is most valuable
- *EL advises that when training content is developed in the future it will be imperative for input from this group to be channeled to those developers*
- **EO advises the committee to brainstorm and direct recommendations related to this content to her as chair**
- Strong desire exists to make curriculum changes coupled with clear priorities
 - Recommends reviewing through this lens to establish future work goals for committee
 - Consider creative means of increasing survey responses from partners in the future

Discussion/Follow-up Items

- **Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide Status (Sheryl)**
 - Multiple edits submitted through working group efforts
 - Anticipates having these incorporated and available for full committee review before resubmission
 - Good recommendations provided by NWCG about diversification of fuel types beyond forest vegetation
 - Larger changes related to technical report references
 - Additional photographs of value
- **WUIMC SOPs (Erin)**
 - Working group met since last committee meeting once
 - Anticipate one more meeting to finalize content for review by whole committee in near future

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

- **Bruno:** COCO piloting a course at the CO Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy in June:
 - Mitigation 101 (1-day, 6 hours)
 - Pre-course to WMBP
 - Opportunity to get student feedback about what went well and what was missing
 - EO requested update delivery to the committee in the future

Meeting adjourned

***Next meeting: June 5, 2024, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*