



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Meeting Minutes – June 5th, 2024

Time: 1200 MT

Roll Call

Berry, Ackerman, Hansen, O'Connor, Page, Skinner, Bruno, Cassellius, Whitworth

Approve March Meeting Minutes

No corrections | First motion – Ackerman | Second motion – Berry
Excellent May Minutes Dan!

Discussion/Follow-up Items

- Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide status (Sheryl)
 - Sheryl lead small sub-group. Edits from NPS and OWF were addressed and sent back to NWCG. Waiting to hear feedback. Erin will check with Katy on process/timeline for response.
- WUIMC SOPs (Erin)
 - Group met and finalized SOP document last week. Erin will send out after meeting today. If anyone has an issue with the rotation or any other items, now is your chance. Sheryl asked about DOD rep and other agencies. Only current membership is listed but hope is to recruit representatives from other agencies.
- PMS 310-1 – WMTM/L positions (Jen, Erin, All)
 - BLM voted to adopt these for 310-1 Supplement and is working on transition plan. USFS finalizing their transition plan now as well. Hansen feels this position is ready to move to actual 310-1. If all agree, this could be a new project for WUIMC.
 - NWCG Incident Positions and Standards Committee (IPSC) handles these requests. They are on a short pause for month or so right now and not approving any new positions.
 - WUIMC can still move forward with transition plan and proposal. Deadline for 310-1 is usually in October.
 - May also need a rollout plan to announce this position once approved.
 - Erin is looking for someone to spearhead this effort. Contact her if interested.
- WUI Mitigation Training – E. Litzenberg's Presentation from the May meeting (All)
 - Sheryl provided an overview of this effort (see May notes for details). Question is: What can WUIMC take from this effort and do to improve existing training and/or develop new WUI training?
 - Timing to develop new course may not be ideal right now with huge NWCG training update going on.
 - Ackerman discussed former effort to incorporate WUI into courses like S-130 (basic FFTR), S-212 (Chainsaws). Would like to see us build awareness of WUI mitigation in entry level courses and then build understanding as courses advance. Are there courses we want to endorse for those wanting to be WUI Practitioners? Could also update old WUIMC WFSTAR video from 2015 and may want to co-create a video with CEPC if prevention content is added.
 - Bruno offered pilot version of Mitigation 101 as many taking "Mitigation Best Practices" course are unaware of the basics. WUIMC could help finalize this course – not sure it needs to be an NWCG course. Bruno also discussing WUI assessments, plans, CMATs, etc. with ICs who are becoming more aware of these helpful products when fighting fires and doing public outreach.

- Erin will schedule meeting to move forward and perhaps develop a work plan outlining what we could do as a result of this survey. Erin will also ask Katy how we can stay aware of other course updates that could use a WUI component.
- Courses could be self-paced and on-line. Skinner mentioned Blanket Purchase Agreements that are in place for NWCG at NIFC to develop training courses that could be used.
- Page stated we need to think through the whole training process of how we introduce newcomers to fire mitigation and develop them into future mitigation specialists (career path).

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

Bruno – mentioned CMATs are available. Several assignments in the works but nothing finalized yet. Now is the time to reach out to communities to make sure they are ready. Berry will reach out to Bruno on possible CMAT blog.

Meeting adjourned

***Next meeting: August 7th, 2024, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*