



## **Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2024**

Time: 1200 MT 10/2/2024

#### **Roll Call**

E. O'Connor, M. Cassellius, F. Berry, J. Bruno, B. Horton, J. Hansen, S. Page, J. Ackerman, K. O'Hara (NWCG Coordinator)

#### **Approve Meeting Minutes (August)**

O'Connor will send August meeting minutes for a vote via email.

#### **Discussion/Follow-up Items**

- Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide status

O'Connor asked for an update or if we had heard anything regarding the committee's edits, and O'Hara will check on status of edits with publication group.

- WUIMC SOPs (Erin)

Approved by the committee. Motion by J. Ackerman, seconded by S. Page. O'Connor will inquire about updating the website with approved changes. J. Ackerman asked about the companion document that the committee was working on, and O'Connor explained that the working group will update that with the information that Ackerman, Skinner, and several others compiled to keep track of historical information.

- WUI Mitigation Training (All)

Interest from the committee in assessing the wui training gap analysis document and determining the committee's level of involvement. O'Connor will send a doodle poll link for anyone interested in joining a working group or participating in the discussion.

- PMS 310-1 – WMTM/L positions (All)

O'Hara provided the committee with good information about the process for getting positions into PMS 310-1. She mentioned the "pause memo" from IPSC that refers to the hold on considering any new positions for about 12 months. She also outline the RFC process and mentioned that the committee can begin working through that process and socializing positions, despite the pause.

J. Hansen mentioned that the BLM's training group is currently working through their process and plans to endorse the positions in the federal supplement in 2025. S. Page provided an update to the USFS grandfathered positions and priority trainees as well as ways they are working to provide training/opportunities for individuals to gain experience. Page has a detailer that is heavily engaged in this work and will invite them to the working group meetings to provide an update and share what work the USFS has done.

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

Ackerman – provided an update on the National Cohesive Strategy conference/workshop.

Page – has a new detailer, Chris Fry, who has been working on things related to the positions/qualifications. Will invite to working group meetings to share progress with the group. Page also shared how the USFS hosted a communications practice seminar and heard from others about how the agency speaks/messages to audiences.

Hansen – shared that there has been some turnover within the BLM among state leads.

Bruno – shared that COCO has entered into an agreement with BLM in Colorado for five years. Bruno also provided a link to the latest CMAT assignment report and spoke to some good lessons learned. He mentioned the after action review (AAR) with incident management teams, upcoming courses, and a pilot mitigation academy in North Carolina.

## **Meeting adjourned**

*\*\*Next meeting: November 6, 2024, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*