



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Minutes – April 2, 2025

Time: 1200 MT 4/2/2025

Roll Call: Sheryl Page, Martin Cassellius, Faith Berry, Daniel Beverage, Jennifer Hansen, Sarah Lee, Ashley Wentworth, Jonathan Bruno

Approve Meeting Minutes (March) March meeting minutes approved.

Discussion/Follow-up Items

- **Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide**

- Final version was approved and announced through NWCG. Sarah Lee is the interim coordinator, it has been electronically published, working to update this they are waiting for second proof from contractor to make sure all errors on first copy corrected it and then it will be printed. There were errors with images etc., so still waiting for a printed copy to finalize it. Sarah will email the group for final review.

- **WUI Mitigation Training (All)** Action items from previous training meeting:

- Sheryl will ask for the raw data from the survey (got raw survey data).
- Includes some information from Fire Adapted Communities' partners. Need to coordinate with CEPC prevention training (P-101 has outdated information). Sarah reminded us we are in a pause so we can mention but timing isn't right.
- Bruno/COCO will comb through data, sort by participant type, and analyze results.
- Erin will investigate NWCG feedback/survey possibilities, and circle back to discussion about S-215 input from the committee.
- Faith will start compiling training/resources our committee can endorse and connect with Erik. Ashley said Erik can share the classes recommended in the survey.

- **WMTM/L positions (All)** Sheryl is working on this. There are people retiring on our watch who will be celebrating other successes.

- Will take time to backfill Jon Skinner's position, so Jen Hanson is filling this position for now.
- Any Update on replacement of Jolene not yet? Sarah Just submitted WUIMC roster updates to web to remove Jolene A. and J. Skinner. Also to change Jennifer H. from "Associate" to "Primary" BLM member until something changes.

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

Sarah Lee: Acting as the interim Coordinator behind Katie O'Hara. Working on a new Publication Manager selection. Lots of people at NWCG have taken additional duties. Publications only at 20% capacity. We are here to support but things will take a longer, so please remind Sarah if we need anything. NWCG is stretched, so she may not be able to make every meeting but happy to help.

John Bruno: Hosting CMAT program in Payson AZ with Payson Fire and IAFC, will have training in the Arkansas Fire Academy (only have a couple signed up, so trying to get more attendees). Ongoing conversations with North and South Carolina.

Sheryl Page: Have filled the Wildfire Mitigation Branch Chief (Melissa Jenkins). A pilot being sent out with Incident Management Teams for WUI Mitigation Specialist, along with CMAT folks. Rearranging projects and programs with Fire & Aviation shop and managing CPAW (a program under Headwater's Economics).

Jennifer Hanson: DOI reviewing partner and community assistance agreements, some funding is frozen, and while some mitigation work is being done most are in a holding pattern.

Daniel: Colorado is working on a WUI code and developing a subcommittee to help with that effort. Excell Energy has \$1.5 billion to work on a wildfire mitigation action plan, he is helping with this effort as well. Updating the master agreement and 5-year forest action plan.

Meeting adjourned

***Next meeting: May 7, 2025, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*