



Wildland *U*rban *I*nterface *M*itigation Committee

Minutes — October 1, 2025

Time: 1200 MT 10/1/2025

Roll Call – Martin Cassellius, Sheryl Page, Erin O’Connor, Ashley Whitworth, Jonathan Bruno, Jennifer Hansen, Sarah Lee

Discussion/Follow-up Items

- **Steven Gaskill, New NWCG Branch Coordinator** — Will be transitioning with Sarah to coordinate our group.
- **Wildfire Mitigation Field Guide** — Available through the national cache. Ordering instructions have been e-mailed to the group from Sarah.
- **WUI Mitigation Training (All)-**
 - Group completed the Project Intake Form for RT-130, WFSTAR mitigation video.
 - The form was e-mailed to the committee for review. Jennifer made a motion to approve the intake form. Marty seconded. All in favor.
 - Jonathan will submit the form to Steven to send on to Joe.
- **NWCG Restructuring** — Final NWCG Committee Systematic Reorganization. No significant changes to our committee. The DOI unification process adds some questions about implementation timing, but NWCG staff and the Executive Board are moving forward until they are told otherwise.
- **Member Replacement** – Discussion on replacement of Faith and Jolene? On hold until the unification and restructuring are complete.
- **WMTM/L positions (All)** — Still a pause on new positions for PMS 310-1 until the IPTM (Incident Position and Training Modernization) process is completed, probably in 2027.
 - **How can states adopt the positions?** What is the process? How can we socialize the positions with state training groups? Jennifer will do some digging and report back next month.

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

- **BLM** — There are so many questions regarding IJA funding for fuels and community assistance. Some agreements were completed prior to the end of the fiscal year despite a huge delay and a pause on new agreements. There’s also a lot of work going on for the unification which for DOI is supposed to be completed by January 12, 2026. Zach Ellinger was supposed to start a detail (vice-Jon Skinner) on Monday, but it has since been cancelled. Jennifer will continue to represent BLM.
- **USFS** — Round 3 Community Wildfire Defense Grant awardees were announced. There were over 500 applications with only 58 selected. Sheryl will begin the Community of Practice webinars again soon.
- **BIA** – Focused on EOY reporting with shorter deadline. Lots of unknowns with DOI unification.
- **Coalitions and Collaboratives (Jon)** - Hiring a new Partnership position and had 120 applications. Submitted two presentation proposals at the IAFC’s WUI Conference. Mitigation training continues. In CO, co-hosting WUI code adoption with Headwaters Economics.

Meeting adjourned

***Next meeting: November 5, 2025, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*