



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

Minutes – January 7, 2026

Time: 1200 MT 1/7/2026

Roll Call Martin Cassellius, Sheryl Page, Ashley Whitworth, Daniel Beveridge, Jennifer Hansen, Jonathan Bruno, and Steven Gaskill.

Approve Meeting Minutes (December)

Daniel made a motion to approve the minutes from December; Marty seconded the motion.

Discussion/Follow-up Items

- **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Mitigation Training** — Jennifer/Jonathan/Steven
 - Good meeting in December with Steven, Joe, Jonathan, Sheryl, and Jennifer. This group will continue to refine the proposal to meet WFSTAR objectives.
- **WMTM/L positions** – State adoption of positions in Federal Wildland Fire Qualifications Supplement. Daniel is attending Chiefs, Managers, and Supervisor’s (CMS) Meeting in Florida. He can socialize the opportunity with individuals there. Focus on Texas, Idaho, Oregon, Colorado, and Minnesota. Jonathan and Sheryl will help provide Daniel with talking points.
- **Committee Members Replacements** – Greg Smith (NASF Executive Board) informed Steven that NASF will hold off until July after the transition to replace committee members.

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

- **BIA** — Getting ready for unification transition on February 8th. Everything seems positive even though it is in a holding pattern. Conditions in Midwest are warmer than usual and pretty dry.
- **Coalitions and Collaboratives** — Receiving training requests on codes from different jurisdictions. A lot of Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) development training. Partnership development in Western Colorado. Presenting at the WUI Conference. Continue to see increases in funding requests to complete mitigation.
- **Colorado Springs Fire Department** — Navigating the new state code. Mitigation projects with the Air Force Academy.
- **USFS** — Figuring out the interim organization by the end of the month and nationalizing programs. Leadership meeting this month in Washington to make decisions. In 2024, the USFS initiated a preparedness (voluntary) challenge for employees to look at their risk and plan for emergencies and wildfire. They provided packets to employees. USFS is planning to do it again in late spring.
- **NASF Western Rep** — Conditions in Colorado are also not good, with winds being extreme enough for power to be turned off due to public safety protocol. Beetle outbreak is being observed in Ponderosa Pine stands. Colorado Wildland Fire Conference in April.
- **BLM** — BLM is awaiting news on the DOI unification and what direction our program will go. Focused on Community Assistance Accomplishment reporting for FY26.
- **NWCG** — Onboarded a new training specialist and writer/editor to NWCG. Still looking to fill gaps within the table of organization. 2026 NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications, PMS 310-1 should be available soon – biggest changes include sunseting Type 1 and Type 2 positions and updates to positions from the IPTM process. NWCG annual meeting is February 18th and 19th in person only in Boise, ID. Chairs and Vice-Chairs are invited. New committee rosters are locked in with kick-off meetings with primary reps to identify chairs and vice-chairs for the management committees within the month, followed by sub-committees.

Meeting adjourned

***Next meeting: February 4, 2026, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*