



# Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

## Minutes – March 4, 2026

Time: 1200 MT 3/4/2026

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

### Approve Meeting Minutes (February)

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

### Discussion/Follow-up Items

- **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Mitigation Training** — Jennifer/Jonathan/Steven
  - This project is on hold until new committee members are briefed and give support.
- **WMTM/L positions** — Sheryl update: Forest Service Pilot Project Fact Sheet.
  - Sheryl created a PowerPoint to follow the fact sheet. It was tested yesterday at the BLM Mitigation, Education, and Prevention Committee meeting. Sheryl and Jon will continue to make presentations in hopes of having more pilot opportunities this summer.
  - Daniel is trying to influence more mitigation and fire resilience topics to be included on the upcoming agenda for the Western Region State Fire Managers Meeting.
  - Regarding the Fact Sheet, Steven mentioned that “pursuing” inclusion in the PMS 310-1 can be a lengthy process, probably years. Sheryl agreed and pointed out that years of this pilot is critical for that process to make sure we are doing it correctly.
- **NWCG Annual Meeting Report** – Marty and Jennifer reported that it was a successful meeting with informative presentations and good interactions with other committees/members. Our Committee’s NWCG Coordinators have done an outstanding job of keeping us in the loop, so nothing was a surprise. There is hope that these meetings will continue regularly in the future.
- **NWCG WUI Subcommittee (WMSC)** – There is a quick meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> to select new subcommittee Chair and vice-Chair, establish rotation schedule, and discuss next steps. Significant change to the roster with Marty stepping down to include another BIA representative and several new members filling empty seats. Draft mission statements, objectives, and SOP templates will be forthcoming. The current committee will need to do some work to put together the transition plan which Steven should be sending out by the end of the month. Marty is still Chair until July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **NASF Committee Replacements** — The reorganized subcommittee has one of the most complete rosters, so we’ll be meeting some new faces soon.

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

- **USFS** — Presenting on the IMRR pre-season calls to increase awareness of WMTM/L. Interim operations work continues trying to define what the prevention and mitigation program will look in the future and how that feeds down to all levels. Work with partners has included the Smoke Ready flyer with IAFC. Community of Practice Workshops are coming this spring.
- **BLM** — Transitioned to USWFS. National leadership positions are being filled. Starting to build the table of organizations for the Geographic Areas (GAs).
- **BIA** — DOI Agencies under the USWFS are starting to coordinate, USWFS big player in Eastern GA.
- **Colorado Springs Fire Department** — USFS has more funding available to treat more acres through contracting. Hiring seasonals and updating Community Wildfire Protection Plans.
- **NASF Western Rep** — Nothing significant to report.
- **NWCG** — IPMT continues to move forward with positions for this committee. Reorganization is on track.

### Meeting adjourned

*\*\*Next meeting: April 1, 2026, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*