



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Minutes – April 1, 2026

Time: 1200 MT 4/1/2026

Roll Call: Martin Cassellius, Sheryl Page, Daniel Beveridge, Vernon Stearns, Kent Nelson, Jonathan Bruno

Approve Meeting Minutes (March)

Sheryl made a motion to approve the minutes from March; Marty seconded the motion.

Discussion/Follow-up Items

- **WUI Mitigation Training** — Jonathan
 - No updates currently. 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 and Jon continue to present the pilot project to various IMT audiences through IMRR calls. Completed calls with Operations and Safety and hope to complete Liaison Officer and Public Information Officer by end of May.
 - Daniel presented to the Western Region State Fire Managers Meeting information on the Pilot.
- **Committee Replacements** — Sub-Committee replacements have been identified. Below is the sub-committee roster.
 - NASF Southern Region: David Fiorella
 - NASF NE/MW Region: Kent Nelson
 - NASF Western Region: Daniel Beveridge
 - IAFC: Ashley Whitworth
 - USFA: Teresa Neal
 - DOI Primary: Jen Hansen
 - DOI Alternate: Vern Sterns
 - DOW: Brian Weatherford
 - USFS: Shery Page
- **NWCG WUI Mitigation Subcommittee (WMSC)** – Meeting on March 9th introduced the new organization for the sub-committee. Discussed selection of new subcommittee chair and vice-chair and rotation schedule. Significant changes to the roster with the DOI USWFS having a primary and alternate representative and several new members filling empty seats. Draft mission statements, objectives, and SOP templates will be forthcoming.
 - Starting July 1st, Jen Hansen will be the sub-committee chair and Daniel Beveridge as vice-chair; and will need a secretary. In CY2027, tentatively, USFS (Sheryl Page) will take over as chair with a NASF Rep as Vice-Chair, and secretary TBD.
 - **ACTION ITEMS:** Marty will send out a draft chair/vice-chair/secretary rotation to the committee for comments. Next committee call we will decide on rotation and who will be secretary for the remainder of CY2026.

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

- **USFS** — Forest Service reorganization announcement yesterday; Link to reorg webpage with the details: https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/reorganization?utm_source=MarketingCloud&utm_medium=email
- **BIA** — NW agency busy with spring Prescribed Fire Season; MW agency balancing act between Prescribed Fire Season and fire season in the plains states
- **NASF Western Rep** — Federal grant accomplishment reporting with some database issues; Coordinating CO WUI code work with CO Div. of Fire Prevention and Control (e.g., Mapping); Gearing up for the CO Wildland Fire Conference in Fort Collins, CO mid-April

- **NASF NE/MW Rep** — Working on fuels reduction efforts with interest in utilizing air curtain burners — Ask for anyone that has experience with air curtain burners to contact Kent
- **Associate Member (Jon Bruno)** – After the Flames conference next week in WA with over 200 signed up; CMAT requests out there but currently no scheduled assignments

Meeting adjourned

***Next meeting: May 6, 2026, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*