



Wildland *U*rban *I*nterface *M*itigation *C*ommittee

Minutes – May 6, 2026

Time: 1200 MT 5/6/2026

Roll Call: Daniel Beveridge, Jonathan Bruno, Martin Cassellius, David Fiorella, Jennifer Hansen, Sarah Lee, Teresa Neal, Kent Nelson, Sheryl Page, and Vernon Stearns

Approve Meeting Minutes (April)

Sheryl made a motion to approve the minutes from April; Jennifer seconded the motion.

Discussion/Follow-up Items

- **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Mitigation Training** — Jennifer/Jonathan/Steven
 - Refining Proposal to meet WFSTAR objectives. Time to reengage. Presentation in June to new team members. May have an opportunity for a video from this fire season.
- **WMTM/L positions** — Sheryl update: IMR call with C&G areas. Support for NEMO team to make sure we are connecting with IMTs. Research side to pull together analytics.
- **NWCG WUI Mitigation Subcommittee (WMSC)** — Draft Rotation Schedule for Subcommittee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Jennifer made a motion to approve the rotation; Daniel seconded the motion.
- **Data Standards and Terminology Board — Terms for review.**
 - **Resource Protection Measure** — Committee approves the suggested changes that were sent via e-mail. Marty will send our suggestions up the chain.
 - **Direct Extinguishment Strategy and Indirect Confinement Strategy** — David will review the two new definitions and make suggestions to share with the committee. Will complete review via e-mail.

Report-outs/Round Robin (All)

- **DOI – USWFS** – State Office’s positions GW13 and below will be administratively reassigned by May 17th within their new Geographic Area’s Table of Organization. The legacy BLM Mitigation, Education, and Prevention Committee was encouraged by new leadership to continue with meeting monthly and inviting other DOI agency staff to the meetings for collaboration and coordination.
- **USFS** — Outreaching national fire prevention program position out of Boise. The USFS published the “fire season” letter at <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2026/04/29/secretary-agriculture-issues-2026-wildfire-readiness-memorandum-ahead-active-fire-season>. USFS employees are participating in the Wildfire Preparedness Challenge with great videos and projects being reported. The Ad Council is focused on wildfire prevention key tips. Sheryl will be doing some site visits with Coalitions and Collaboratives (Boise, ID in June), National Fire Protection Association (North of Green Bay, WI in August), and International Association of Fire Chiefs (Northern CO in late September).
- **BIA** — NW agency: Attended a workshop focused on overcoming prescribed fire challenges hosted by WA DNR. There are “sub-hub” locations being determined to offer more training opportunities with an 8-hour travel limit. New guidance is being developed for prescribed fire during PL3 with approval from GA chief which may be a hurdle in the short-term. MW agency: Moving further north with prescribed fire and responding to fires in the southern region. Big struggles with budget during the transition. It’s proving to be a balancing act between prescribed fire season and fire season in the plains states.
- **NASF Western Rep** — Focused on WUI code state mandate including a peer exchange workshop.
- **NASF NE/MW Rep** — With the green up in the NE, prescribed fire season has dwindled. There is an air curtain burners demonstration upcoming – will be analyzing effectiveness and developing regulations.

- **NASF Southern Rep** — The south is being impacted by the drought. Some relief in parts of the GA with some wildfires having significant structure loss and the potential to burn for months in the swamps. Everything is focused on wildfire suppression.
- **Associate Member (Jon Bruno)** – Coalitions and Collaboratives has created a Storymap for CMAT at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3d2e9c830bf74609a6e87ba9d93c17f0>. Mitigation courses are ongoing, including a mitigation crash course in the south with lots of interest for future sessions. Staff members are doing some international work. The AIM program just concluded Round 16 with providing \$650K to 17 organizations. Community Wildfire Prevention Plan mentoring work throughout the country.
- **NWCG** – Sarah — The NWCG Standard Operational Procedure, PMS 900 with the SOPs for committees and subcommittees will hopefully be published soon, before the transition. Meetings will be coordinated in a shared calendar. Katie and Sarah got to keep their NWCG positions within the new USWFS table of organization – although the titles are a little different, they’re the same work.

Meeting adjourned

***Next meeting: June 3, 2026, via Microsoft Teams Video Conference*