

The following are notes taken during our last conference call 7/11/2013 @ 1500 Eastern Time.

On call: Helene, Elaine, Fred, Morgan, Wendy, and Pat

Kudos to Jen Smith for getting the Communicator Guide's chapters and appendix in an online format. Should you notice any errors please let Jen know.

**Elaine:** NWCG funding should be added to the P101 project in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Jim Hutton has retired so the new chair of the Fuels Management Committee is Mark Jackson from BIA. on the WUI committee, Mark Gray of WA DNR is retiring and the vice chair, John Fish of FL, will take over. on July 25, will be the fy14 budget e-share meeting and Fred and Helene need to be on the call at 1pm Mountain time.

**Pat:** attended e-share meeting in June on glossary and communication updates – mainly they went over processes and steward selections. A video spot on youth fire setter intervention will be released soon.

**Morgan:** NPS had their honor guards at the memorial service in AZ; NPS hosted a webinar on the fire budget; Alaska is having an active fire season.

**Fred:** hosting a WUI exchange (conference) September 10-12, 2013 for the 19 mid-atlantic and southern states; will be a good exchange of prevention and mitigation programs.

**Wendy:** working on strategic plan effort for my team; handling lots of media requests on fires; the next TNC magazine will have a feature story on prescribed fire and thinning in northern Arizona (this was in the works for over a year).

**Helene:** will send out links to new wildfire prevention PSAs.

Here is a link to an article that State Farm insurance is requiring defensible space around homes in 'red zones' in Colorado. It may have implications for other areas.

<http://blogs.gazette.com/sidestreets/2013/06/29/red-zone-homes-told-to-mitigate-wildfire-risk-by-cutting-trees-or-else/>

Note that they say NFPA's Firewise Communities program has changed the recommended defensible space distances for homes located in the wildland/urban interface – that is not accurate. NFPA has stated that:

*"Firewise concepts continue to be founded in scientific principles, with no changes to the recommended mitigation distances and practices within the home ignition zone. You may find your state, county or municipality requires different minimum defensible space areas or mitigation measures than the Firewise recommendations; for*

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*information on your laws or local ordinances, residents should contact their local fire department or state forestry agency.”*

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