



**Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee**

**Conference Call Minutes February 4, 2015**

**Welcome and roll call:** John Fish, Phyllis Krietz, Jolene Ackerman, Joe Stutler, Len Diaz, Sarah McCaffrey, Jon Skinner, Chris Crew. Absent: Cindy Palmer, Don Griegos, Kim Van Hemelryck, Elaine Waterbury.

**Assign member to record minutes:** Pam Leschak

**Review minutes of January conference call minutes.** Sarah McCaffrey moved, Joe Stutler seconded, to approve minutes. Unanimous.

**PMU/Executive Board Update** – John Fish requested glossary feedback to Elaine. John presents on the committee at the All-Chairs meeting in Boise the week of Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. NWCG Exec Board to meet 8-2:30 on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> in Reno. WUI Committee is invited to attend.

**FIREWISE Subcommittee Update** – Pam Leschak. The subcommittee meets in Reno for literature review of Firewise materials.

**FAC Coalition Update** – Pam Leschak – The FAC Coalition meets in Reno 9-noon Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Glossary Review:** Joe Stutler: Wildland fire vs wildfire. Stutler feels the nationally accepted term should be “wildland fire”. Jolene Ackerman suggested keeping term “wildfire” in glossary but refer people to “wildland fire”. John: both terms are in the WUI Desk Reference Guide and should address that for clarification.

**Project Updates**

**Joint Effort - Importance of Mitigation & Prevention in FF Safety** – Jon Skinner talked to Scott Anderson, Jen Smith, and public affairs folks about WFStar refresher training additions to represent WUI issues. There is an opportunity for a 30 second insert which Jon e-mailed to the committee for review and suggestions. It will be an add-on for this year with the possibility for a 2-3 minute PSA and a longer module on WUI issues later. May be NWCG funds to support the build-out.

**Training Course/PTB Review:** John said he’d connect with Fred on the P-courses. The S-203

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Joe Stutler – International Association of Fire Chiefs  
Phyllis Krietz, FEMA, U.S. Fire Administration  
Jolene Ackerman, National Association of State Foresters  
Donald J. Griego, National Association of State Foresters  
Cynthia Palmer, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Sarah McCaffrey, USDA Forest Service – Research & Development  
Chris Crew, National Emergency Management Association

is also up for review and we'll address that as well.

### **Position/Briefing Papers:**

- The FAC Briefing Paper is final and distributed.
- Importance of mitigation to fire suppression. John will have a draft out before Reno meeting so the committee can work on it in Reno.

**Website Updates:** New committee members get bios to John Fish for posting on website.

### **Upcoming Meetings Schedule**

**NWCG All-Chairs Meeting:** Week of Feb 11, 2014 in Boise. Pre-course session to discuss challenges. Pam suggested more communication with Exec Committee about their expectations and concern that process sometimes take away from the big picture.

**WUIMC Meeting in conjunction with IAFC WUI Conference – Reno, NV:** from 8 am March 26 to noon Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD.

**Additional topics:** Replacement for Sid Beckman with NPS is in the works.

### **Round table**

Phyllis Krietz USFA: GIS mapping of WUI risk and fac accomplishments nationally. DHS is still on a CR so in limbo for travel to Reno conference. NFPA/USFA asking for a Presidential Proclamation for Preparedness Day May 2.

Jolene Ackerman NASF, WI: Preparing for fire season, communication plan, new campaign for seasonal property owners.

Joe Stutler IAFC: RSG Train-the-trainer in Salem now. Working on WUI conference in Reno and on getting message out about Cohesive Strategy Implementation.

Pam Leschak USFS FAM: Committee should discuss need for WUI information nationally and role WUI MC can play in that. Working on continuing agreements with partners to promote fire adapted communities.

Len Diaz, BIA: Won't be at Reno. Working on CWPP re-writes

Sarah McCaffrey USFS Research: Also talking to leaders about more WUI research and collecting national level information about WUI. Probably not going to be at Reno.

John Fish, NASF FL:

Chris Crew: Developing a web based assessment tool.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 4.

Adjourn