



# Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

## Conference Call Minutes – June 3, 2015

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### Welcome & roll call:

Present: Phyllis Krietz, Len Diaz, Jon Skinner, Christina Randall, Cyndi Palmer, Jolene Ackerman, Todd Wood, and Elaine Waterbury

Absent: Don Griego, Sarah McCaffrey, Pam Leschak, John Fish

Guests/Presenters: Tammy Denney, Andrew Bailey, Kathie Hansen, Dianna Sampson

### Call Assignment: Notetaker – Jon Skinner

**Guest Presentation – Proposed WUI Data Standard (Andrew Bailey & Kathie Hansen).** Currently there is no real standard for WUI data definitions, storage and transfer for GIS data used in CWPPs and other activities. Andrew and Kathie discussed the 3 simple standards they have created to start with (Source of data, Source Link and number of GIS acres). They want to set standards for how WUI data is stored/transferred, not how it is defined. They are interested in working with the WUIMC to build upon these basic standards similar to the joint task team that they have with the aviation group. Andrew forwarded out his powerpoint presentation to the WUIMC after the call.

**Guest Presentation – Overview of new NWCG Website (Tammy Denney):** Tammy gave a great overview of all the new functions and features of the new NWCG website that will be out soon.

### Review minutes from May call:

Christina Randall made a motion to approve and Jolene Ackerman seconded. Minutes approved by all.

### Project Updates

**The WUI/Fuels/Prevention Video project and the WUI White/Briefing/Position Papers projects** are both in progress and will be discussed in more detail on the next call.

### Course/PTB Review – Jolene Ackerman

Jolene looked in to two courses, P-101 (Fire Prevention/Education) and S-203 (Intro to Incident Information). Updates for these courses are on the back burner for now. They will contact us when they are ready for WUI input.

### USFA/NFA WUI Course Development – Woody Stratton and Phyllis Krietz

The NFA is developing 3 new WUI courses (Funding your FAC, Evacuation Procedures, and Communication and Collaboration). Woody is looking for 1-2 volunteers with subject matter expertise to participate. There will be a GAP analysis session July 20<sup>th</sup> to hash through existing material. They also need feedback from a SME as the courses are developed. Woody will send out a request to the WUIMC for volunteers.

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Jon Skinner  
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#### Members:

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

**Wildland and WUI Fire Research Planning Workshop:** This will be held in Denver on July 14<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by the Fire Protection Research Foundation. Dan Smith sent the WUIMC an invite and request to have one of our committee members attend. Christina Randall and then Todd Wood both volunteered to attend. Main goals of this half day workshop are:

- Overview of On-going and Planned Research
- Identification of Research Needs and Problems to be Solved
- Prioritization of Research Needs

### **Upcoming Meetings Schedule**

Next Conference Call is Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fall committee meeting set for October 14-15 in New Jersey – will discuss agenda and logistics on next call. Discussion about why we are not meeting in conjunction with the Backyards and Beyond Conference as traveling twice to the east coast in one week will be difficult for some. It was mentioned that the USFS FAC coalition meeting will be held earlier that week and presents a conflict for some committee members. Both Len Diaz and Todd Wood expressed the need for a letter and agenda as we get closer so they can request approval for travel.

**Meeting Adjourned** – at approx. 2:20 CDT