



Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Committee

Conference Call Minutes – July 1, 2015

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Welcome & roll call:

Present: John Fish, Pam Leschak, Sarah McCaffrey, Len Diaz, Cyndi Palmer, Jolene Ackerman, Todd Wood, Chris Crew, and Elaine Waterbury

Absent: Jon Skinner, Don Griego, Phyllis Krietz, Christina Randall,

Call Assignment: Notetaker – Pam Leschak

Review minutes of June 2015 Conference Call: Sarah McCaffrey moved for approval and Chris Crew seconded, approved unanimously.

PMU/Executive Board Update – Elaine Waterbury - Erin Darboven is contact for NWCG products. New NWCG website will be up July 18th. Pam Leschak is helping on populating the Firewise Subcommittee page. Cindy Palmer said the Resource page would remain the same and they've ensured that nothing will be lost.

FIREWISE Subcommittee Update – Pam Leschak

Firewise Subcommittee report is attached. Discussion about state capacity/barriers to continued Firewise growth. Pam solicited feedback from state people on ways NFPA can help states implement Firewise. Todd Wood asked about funds to help push Firewise in Texas. Pam Leschak talked about SFA and Title III funding. Cindy Palmer talked about pre-disaster mitigation funds availability - \$23 million for 2015. Pam Leschak will send a follow-up to Todd Wood about IAFC and RSG!

Project Updates:

Joint Effort - Importance of Mitigation & Prevention in FF Safety – Jon Skinner. Putting out a draft next week. Will provide a copy to WUIMC. Pam Leschak volunteered to help especially with fire adaptation messages. Shooting for having the video finished for next fire season refresher.

White/Position/Briefing Papers – John Fish has the feedback and will put information into first draft and share with Christina Randall to include Waldo Canyon information. Aiming to have the white paper out by fall.

Course/PTB Review – Jolene Ackerman - looking at instructor guides for S-200 and others to see if there are opportunities. Todd Wood volunteered to help with that.

Chair
John K. Fish
National Association of State Foresters

Vice Chair
Jon Skinner
USDI Bureau of Land Management

Pam Leschak, USDA Forest Service
Todd Wood, USDI National Park Service
Len Diaz, USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs
Christina Randall, International Association of Fire Chiefs
Phyllis Krietz, FEMA, U.S. Fire Administration

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

Addition of Committee Secretary Position - John Fish suggested the committee officially fill the secretary/historian position as a 2 year term. Position would oversee records, meeting notes, documents archives and maintenance, notes distribution to committee. Use agenda format to take notes, attendance, document proceedings and decisions and actions, tracks membership of committee. Pam moved to support John's concept; no second, no takers yet.

Fire Protection Research Foundation NFPA – July 14th 0800-1200. Christina Randall and Todd Wood will represent the WUIMC.

Upcoming Meetings Schedule

- Next Call – Wednesday, August 5th
- Fall committee meeting – tentatively in New Jersey, October 14-15.

Additional topics: Jolene Ackerman, WI hosting a CWPP summit August 29th, Wausau. Pam Leschak talked about the changes in fire adaptation messaging, that it's not a recognition program and we don't count communities. It's a concept that combines mitigation tools, with a wider audience, more jurisdictions to collaboratively address wildfire mitigation in the larger community.

Meeting Adjourned – at approx. 2:00 CDT