



Salt Lake City Meeting Minutes – March 8-9, 2017

Historian – Jeremy Taylor

Roll Call:

Christina Randall, John Fish, Jon Skinner, Pam Leschak, Sara McCaffrey, Marty Cassellius, Jennifer Hansen, Deb Fleming, Tom Welle, Cathy Prudhomme, Call in- Jolene Ackerman

Review and approve minutes for February Meeting:

Minutes will be reviewed for approval after sent from Amy Sylvester.

Cathy Prudhomme: NFPA Presentation

- Updates from NFPA and Firewise USA
- To date 1,409 active communities in 42 states are participating in the Firewise program.
- Name Change to Firewise USA and dropping "Communities" in the Firewise Communities USA title.
- Cathy Discussed and introduced the online portal for Firewise programs and the various features of the applications and program.
- Note: Tom Welle mentioned he would like to jointly link the NWCG Training and qualifications to relate to NFPA certifications and combine the efforts. Generate the qualifications and prerequisites as 130/190, 290, 390.

Working Session to finish white paper on LL

- John went through the document and made the suggested changes and edits.
- Several edits were made to the document and several missing quotes and information were added to the document from the committee.
- Pam committed to make edits to the conclusion and to include the GEMA numbers information and to put the entire document into an active voice. Pam will complete by 3/17/2017.

Project Updates

CMAT Updates – Pam Leschak - CMAT training in May to build the bench for potential CMAT assignments. All attendees will be hand-picked with a two year



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commitment, limited to 25 people and will be committed people that have backgrounds in mitigation and best management practices.

NASF – Lowell Ballard – this event did not occur as he was not contacted during the meeting. He will have another individual respond and provide an update at a later time.

WUI Damage Update / Overview of the South East Fires – Success and Lesson Learned (Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg Fires) - John Fish: 2,545 structures lost and 2 individuals were charged with arson. \$500 million in damages. They did have 1400 residents safely evacuate and did have a phone notification system that was effective.

NWCG Update – *Deb Fleming*: Several positions have changed with NWCG and many people have been placed into acting positions. Several updates and changes have occurred on the website. Please notify Deb of any issues with the website or its operations. There were minor changes were made to the Wildland Urban interface wildfire mitigation desk guide to update with Jolene. Deb will touch base with her on those changes. Deb will identify the dates for any changes to the IRPG and notify of any changes by the end of March.

WUI performance measures – The Timmons Group: they came up with one solution to a measure to successful mitigation measures that resulted with the measureable data of acres treated. They suggested that this model be an example for all states to show and have the same measurable to show progress and should be different than what is shown for the measurable level of Firewise Communities.

End of Day – 1620 MST

Thursday March 9th 0837 – Opening Remarks and Introductions:

Utah Division Staff: Brian Cottam, Deputy Cornell Christenson, Brett Austin, Nate Austin

Utah “Comprehensive, Statewide Wildland Fire Prevention, Preparedness and Suppression Policy” presentation. – **Brian Cottam**: Utah wildfire risk assessment portal is a part of their WRAP process that is the cornerstones of successful policy change with regard to wildfire risk, prevention, preparedness



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and mitigation. Brian also introduced Catfire and its capabilities to bring individuals together to identify projects and funding to accomplish these projects.

NASF Performance Measures – Minda Brown: Project started to track performance measures related making state performance measures. They conducted a survey to show the majority of measurable action needed to be addressed to the congress appropriations staff on themes of clean water and air via forest management and Wildfire Prevention via forest management. They are regrouping that the data that is achievable and moving forward to confirm with people reporting data and making refined measures. They are going to confirm the data and develop business rules, definitions, and data standards and training to better identify the existing reporting data and endure accuracy.

Firewise Survey Update - John Fish: Firewise survey is put into Survey Monkey and all went through the survey questions and looked over the responses. Suggestions were made to the questions on question 8b. Question 10 required clarification on percentage vs number and what is preferred. Numbers were preferred over percentage.

WFSTAR Update – Jon Skinner: video is to be linked to the fire crews and questions that are generated questions at the end of the video with relation to prevention. Created one pager workbook and instructor guides to help the questions to relate to a fire crew and tie back into the fire videos.

Additional topics

Question for WUI Specialist Positions - Suggestion to create a schedule time to form a white page to create a board to identify the duties, job description and then have a list of the details of the job and further descriptions. Suggestion presented to vet this discussion for the committee. Jen volunteered to take on the description and have a draft job description for the position. Deb will send how they want the rolls and description of the position was an example and will talk to fire planning on the proposal. The committee will comment or make comments for perusing this NWCG position after the draft and potential requirements are identified.

BMP's and standards for WUI Mitigation Training - Pam mentioned the BEND Firewise program that issues stars and hold homeowners to commitment



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and shows mitigation work to the community through a star system. This shows the quality of the Firewise commitment to show safety.

Round table (follow "Members" order below – Chairs go last)

Sarah McCaffrey

Identified there is a need to more systematically to show / mitigate the FS Risk. There is a desired need to develop a more systematic approach to invest in communities, in conjunction with research, to show what to do or what not to do. If we want to reduce the Forest Service risk we need to reduce the community's risk, and they are working to try to figure a solution with co-risk of fire management transmission.

Meeting adjourned 1504 MST