



NOTES

September 21, 2012

<i>Attendees</i>	
<p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Kaage – NWCG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas MacDonald – I-Chiefs <input type="checkbox"/> Glenn Gaines – DHS/USFA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Erickson – ITC <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Karels – NASF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jacobs – NLC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roy Johnson – DOI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Yates – NACo <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Harbour – USFS 	<p>Support Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shari Shetler – DFO <p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Quan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Walker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Simpkin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Owen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danny Lee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Darboven <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Freeland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judith Downing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Mastic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Zupco <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Blankenship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Quigley

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1	Welcome/Introductions
2	Meeting Objectives & Expectations
3	<p>Fire Situation Update</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Still at PL3 2. Continued sustaining of large fires 3. Fair number of long duration fires – waiting for season ending events 4. Wildcard is when Southern California comes into the picture via Santa Ana events
4	<p>Meeting Proposal</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree with concept 2. Agree with schedule for October – December 3. Issues with January Face-to-Face date – would like to see it one week later
5	<p>Priorities</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified that WFEC needs to address barriers as well as sustaining workforce as items to address soon • The issue is our capacity to start working through the items – WFEC? Task Group? Someone's day job? Don't see real engagement to work through these things. Need to change the way we do business in order to get these things done. • We, as WFEC, have priorities. As national wildland fire leaders, we have resources to assign to identified projects. • Don't know if we can sustain 10-15 people putting in 10 to 15 hours per week. • Looking at priorities list – some of the items identified are also in the barrier document. • In a position to make recommendations – committee of various interests – let's make sure we address institutionalization – let's make sure we are willing to make some of those tough recommendations. <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review what we have scheduled and send comments on inclusion in the published teleconferences or face-to-face meeting.



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6	<p>Subcommittee Status Reports</p> <p><u>CSSC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on reports • Working on performance measures <p><u>SRSC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good interaction based on the meeting with the NSAT • Working closely with the science team – models, tweaks • First rough draft of risk analysis • Discussions with different partners on cohesive strategy • Seeing the benefit of larger partnerships • Have four focus groups identified to provide input on the alternatives • Have meeting scheduled during the first week in October of the SRSC <p><u>WRSC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams working through their assignments • Meet again this afternoon to talk through what we have written • Working closely with the science folks • Meet as well during the first week of October • That document will go out to 1000 stakeholders on the 5th – comments to come back by the 10th. • Meet October 11th to make any tweaks to the report based on feedback to deliver on October 15. <p><u>NERSC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups working on various sections of the risk analysis • Also working with the science team to tweak the maps to meet our needs • Groups wrap up their draft this weeks • Go out to stakeholders the first week of October • Planning to have a couple of webinars • Just got out our monthly update for September <p><u>NSAT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danny: Trying to provide the RSCs with what they are asking for – maps, etc. • Roy: Observation from being in Denver – lots of synergy and connections • Danny: The meeting in Denver was intense – lots of information – folks made aware of the capacity that exists – puts us in position for additional work – meeting was a success – still a lot of frustration about how to use everything that is there • Roy: One take home message was that data was very important • Danny: No single data set is perfect – we harvested data from many sources – built a composite story from all of that information from all of the different perspectives <p><u>Communications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder to send in bios for website • CS Sharing Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Association of State Foresters ○ Forest Service Retirees Meeting • Risk Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communications Component ○ Contributing Prevention and Hazardous Fuels narrative and data • Forests and Rangelands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Update posting



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Webinar • Starting to talk framework for the future of Communications post Phase III.
7	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Cohesive Strategy Discussion <u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed what was asked for in the GAO report – common theme throughout • Although GAO has been clear in what they want – WFEC and RSCs have been clear in the direction they received – they were not costs – they were not charts and graphs – they were not trade-off analyses. • WFEC is not getting those things – we do not have the time to do that. • We will see things that folks can shift. • We will not get to an in depth risk analysis. • A portion of that may show up in the West’s discussions. • Support where Tom is headed. • The devil is in the detail. • Not even in the details for the implementation strategy. • Interested in how we are going to get to the National Risk Trade-off Analysis <p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of questions on how it is all going to roll out at this point • We are receiving what we agreed to and asked. As we roll up information, how do we allocate resources in order to implement what we have identified • We have positioned ourselves with more information than we have had before. • A better understanding of how the information can be used. • Still circle back to “What is the question we want to address?” • What is the level of detail in the answer to inform the policy decision that we want to make. Then we can determine if we can get there with the information we have. To continually use vague descriptions is problematic. On the analyst side we may be identifying solutions to questions that haven’t been asked. Need sufficient time to address this. Needs to be a focused discussion. • Then we need to have a conversation about “What are the questions that need to be answered?” • Shari will work with the members to schedule that discussion <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule the discussion to identify the questions that need to be answered.
9	<p>WFLC Meeting <u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appears that we don’t have specific dates. • Conference call – provide WFLC with status updates and some hooks that would engage them in the January meeting • The topics are the Governance Structure and the Cohesive Strategy • Butch and Kim will come up with the dates and specific agenda topics • Ryan: We need to be well organized and clearly articulate the decisions they need to make. • Bill: Looking at the schedule, what is the art that you use in describing the national trade-off analyses. Need to be smart about how we discuss where we are with the cohesive strategy • Make sure we are well organized • The expectation is that we will see an announcement for the November call as well as the January Meeting from Butch Blazer.
10	<p>Round Robin</p> <p>Ann: increase the communication to the WFLC members – early notice – very important to the regions that they feel secure that the WFLC members agree to the region’s reports before they continue with the action items for the implementation.</p>



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