



Meeting Notes

May 6, 2011

<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"/> Elizabeth Strobridge - NGA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenn Gaines - DHS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Erickson - ITC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Karels - NASF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Rowdabaugh - DOI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Yates – NACo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Harbour – USFS 	<p>Support Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roy Johnson – DFO – OWFC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shari Shetler – Exec. Sec. – OWFC <p>Other Stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Tiger – Saltman & Stevens, P.C. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Walker – WGA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Sloan – OWFC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlyn Pollihan – WFLC/CWSF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicki Christiansen – USFS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jacobs – Asst. City Manager, Sierra Vista <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Blankenship – DHS

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1	<p>Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting brought to order by Roy Johnson, DFO, at 10:00 am
2	<p>Meeting Objectives and Expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Harbour has agreed to Chair the WFEC meetings • Tom thanked everyone for being here at this new time
3	<p>Establishment of Sub-committees</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Review of the Cohesive Strategy Subcommittees. Discussion on the purpose, roles and responsibilities and membership of the Cohesive Strategy Sub-Committee and the Regional Strategy Committees</p> <p><u>Desired Outcome:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to Identify a WFEC member as a member of each of these subcommittees <p><u>Key Discussion Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talked about this last time – decided to stand up the cohesive strategy subcommittees • There are 5 documents included in the meeting material identifying the subcommittees, their primary roles and responsibilities and proposed membership • The documents also identify the general purpose and scope of the subcommittee • Identifies some of the deliverables • A WFEC member will be the Liaison from the Sub-Committee to WFEC (as a member of the subcommittee) • CSSC – Kirk Rowdabaugh proposed as the WFEC member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CSSC is still meeting every week ○ Responsible to make sure that another WFEC member covers when he is not there ○ Jim Erickson volunteered to help fill in when needed • West – Douglas MacDonald proposed as the WFEC member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jim Erickson will also volunteered to fill in if needed ○ Bill Kaage will be Mac's primary backup ○ Vicki – west will operate via conference call and it is expected that the WFEC member will participate • NE – Tom Harbour proposed as the WFEC member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As the DFO, Roy Johnson will represent WFEC in Tom's absence



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE – Jim Karels proposed as the WFEC member • Membership of the sub-committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add the WFEC members to the appropriate subcommittee ○ Add Patti Blankenship to the CSSC representing DHS – US Fire Administration <p>Decision</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of the subcommittees and their membership <p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update and sign the subcommittee roles and responsibilities and membership
4	<p>Sub-Committee Reports</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Sub-Committees will report on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify actions, milestones and deliverables that were to be accomplished between the April WFEC meeting and now. 2. Report on actual accomplishments during that time period. 3. Identify actions, milestones and deliverables to be accomplished between now and the June WFEC meeting. 4. Identify any issues or barriers that need to be resolved. 5. Identify what is needed from WFEC. <p><u>Desired Outcome:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding of the activities of each sub-committee. 2. Agreement on any modifications to deliverables or timelines 3. Identify of next steps to resolve any pending issues and/or barriers <p><u>Key Discussion Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSSC has been focused on gearing up for the Regional Strategy Committee meetings • Dates for the National Science and Analysis Team • Mostly preparation for the meetings that are occurring this month • Science team brought their group together in the last two days via a webinar <p>See WRSC Status Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Strategy Sub Committee got together in Denver on May 2-May 3 • Joe Stutler is the chair • Alan Quan did an excellent job of facilitating and coordination • Notebook was very helpful • The group is moving forward • Already setting up conference calls <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question 1 – deals with continuity among all regions • The guidance given to the RSC from the CSSC – gave a great deal of latitude • Did give structure to general process – key questions • WFEC may want to weigh in? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wanted to explore questions • Timeframes were very concerning with the group • They still have plenty of things to decide on



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were some concerns related to timelines • Bullets under number 3 speak to this – would be helpful for WFEC to take a look at that • We lost a great opportunity to keep the three regions in line – they do keep common thought process between the regions by using first 24 CRAFT questions • We should expect that each group will work through the 24 questions • WFEC needs to make sure we are clear about the deliverables – goals, objectives, etc. Not so much the answers to the questions • This conversation seems to indicate that the answers to the 24 questions are one of the deliverables • Perhaps this is one of those times that we ask for a recommendation back to WFEC from CSSC related to the amount of leeway with the process • Recommendations on what guidance was provided was to help tie the three regions together • Given our desire for coherency from a national perspective – what is the minimum need and what flexibility is there in that guidance • CSSC work product – guidance was given in consideration of phase 2 and phase 3 • Phase 2 product is an interim product – guidance was to be able to produce the mid-term product which will set things up for the Phase 3 deliverable • No one believes that you need to answer all 24 questions. If you decide to answer 8 or whatever to get to the goals, objectives, etc. for the mid-term product • Concern about the nimbleness of WFEC in order to be timely • Did not seem that there was affinity in following the CRAFT process from A to Z – mostly want to use whatever method that would be effective to develop the required five Phase 2 deliverables • We want the CSSC to ensure that any differences between the regions do not create barriers in developing the phase 3 products • Everyone is fully engaged – we are doing FPA – we are doing HFPAS – we are already doing NEPA – we are developing goals, objectives and actions for the CS. How do these relate back to all of those things that we are already doing? Trying to figure out how we fit everything together? • The cohesive strategy is all about how to fit all of these things together. We all come to the table with our different goals, objectives, actions, etc. and knit them together • As we move forward each land management agency understands how we have been doing business – at the end of phase 3, we will be looking at a different way to move forward which will modify how we are doing business today. – identify shortcoming – identify some solutions and trade-offs • People are confused about how the different laws, regulations, etc. tie together • This is another challenge – we need to keep from getting too granular, too quick – asking regional committees to take a 30,000 foot regional view – looking for strategic, big picture thinkers • There is some concern about not treating this in a project management way • Very concerned about their ability for social engagements • We made a commitment to WFLC to try to complete phase 2 by the end of this fiscal year. Those end points have been communicated with the hill. • The only constraint that we have, is publishing the meeting schedule in the federal register • We need to structure our meetings to allow the regional committees as much time as possible • We need the CSSC and Regional products to come to WFEC in time to review and make recommendations to WFLC



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	<p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposal – at the next WFEC, CSSC bring back a proposal with a recommendation and options that answers the questions posed in the West's status report 2. Need to schedule meetings for the first and third Friday's of each month beginning June 1, 1000 to 1200 3. Begin the meetings with public comment – predictable time for the public to comment – end meeting early if we are done with the agenda <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CSSC develop recommendations on the questions posed by the WRSC to bring to the June 3, WFEC meeting 2. Publish new WFEC Meeting Schedule in the Federal Register
5	<p>NWCG Update</p> <p><u>Description:</u> NWCG is currently chartered by FEC. That charter is signed by the Chair of FEC, NASF and ITC. FEC no longer exists which requires that NWCG be re-chartered.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreement on establishing NWCG as a WFEC Sub Committee <p><u>Key Discussion Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEC no longer exists and NWCG needs to be re-chartered • Need to be aware that there may be topics that need to go to another group for approval or implementation • Keep in mind that the FACA Charter goes away in two years – easy to renew which will not impact NWCG <p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NWCG needs to develop a new charter to be brought to WFEC for review and approval 2. Roy will work with Bill <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NWCG charter will be developed by the end of the summer and brought back to WFEC in September
6	<p>Round Robin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Kaage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The actions and activities from last meeting are continuing • Glenn Gaines – asked Patti Blankenship to serve on the CSSC committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Another staff member available to serve on other working groups, etc. ◦ Glenn may be able to be the alternate for the NE • Jim Erickson – went into the Western meeting very excited about the folks that are participating • Jim Karels – strongly committed in being a big players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Be looking for backup for the SE • Ryan Yates – most concerns have been brought up – echo Jim's confidence in the folks participating in the west • Kirk Rowdabaugh – thanks for the commitment of the members to meet more often in order to carry out our purpose • Tom Harbour – the big questions revolved around the nimbleness of WFEC which has been



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	resolved with bi-monthly meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The CSSC is looking into the coherency question
7	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Walker – two things – adequate need for social interaction – still work to do communicating phase 1 to the agencies as well as to the public – need to keep ahead of this – some work on the www.forestandrangeland website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tom – spent some time this morning talking about elevating our internal social engagement • Caitlin – hill outreach – some of the expectations and comments – Ryan, Kirk, Vicki and Caitlyn went on some hill visits to update them on cohesive strategy (Erika, Scott, Ryan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Brief meetings to circle back with them o Quick overview for Ryan Hunt o Seemed that everyone was comfortable and seemed positive o Ryan hunt is new to the position and wanted to know how this was meaningful to him in his new positions o Positive response o Want us to keep coming back with updated information o Appropriation staff wanted to know what this meant to them – answer was that we were not necessarily looking for a budget line item o Curious how the states, local and federal agency were going to balance out policy changes in a document o Very supportive that there would be those type of policy recommendations o They were a bit surprised at the federal and non-federal partnership • Mary Jacobs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Getting use to all the different acronyms o Happy to commit to additional meetings o Good to hear all of the constraints that the federal folks have to deal with o Hoping we don't constrain ourselves with the notion of "we have always done things this way". o Even though it may be a difficult process to get some law, policy or regulation changed, we should still make those recommendations. <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:41</p>