



# NOTES

June 15, 2012

Attendees	
<p><b>Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Kaage – NWCG</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas MacDonald – I-Chiefs</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenn Gaines – DHS/USFA</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Erickson – ITC</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jim Karels – NASF</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Rowdabaugh – DOI</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jacobs – NLC</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Yates – NACo</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tom Harbour – USFS</li> </ul>	<p><b>Support Staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roy Johnson – DFO – OWF</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shari Shetler – Exec. Sec. – OWF</li> </ul> <p><b>Others:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Darboven</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Bastian</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Felts– COX news</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Freeland</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judith Downing</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Mastic</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Zupco</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Blankenship</li> </ul>

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1	<b>Welcome/Introductions</b>
2	<p><b>Meeting Objectives &amp; Expectations</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u> Outline the objectives and expectations of this meeting</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> 1. Understanding what we need to accomplish</p> <p><u>Reference Material:</u> 1. Final Agenda</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to address the Serious Accident Investigation follow-up</li> </ul> </p> <p><u>Decisions:</u> None</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> None</p>
3	<p><b>Subcommittee Status Reports</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u> Each subcommittee (CSSC, WRSC, NERSC, SRSC, NSAT, Communications) has the opportunity to give a status update to the WFEC.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> 1. Understanding of accomplishments, issues and planned activities</p> <p><u>Reference Material:</u> 1. Status Reports for Sub-committees</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u> WRSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most significant issue is that Joe Stutler will be stepping down as of July 1</li> <li>• Corbin and others are meeting to fill the co-chair position</li> <li>• The working groups are functioning</li> <li>• Joe facilitated the last RSC meeting to carry it through</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The friction from earlier in the week have been worked through</li> <li>• Mary: If we were paying for Joe's salary are we going in a different direction</li> <li>• Joe: We are using a small amount of that funding to support the communication effort</li> <li>• If there is any need from the other regions, some of that could be available</li> </ul> <p>NERSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working hard to establish/ramp up our communication efforts</li> <li>• Members identified for a communications working group – headed by Maureen Brooks</li> <li>• Establishing a communication support contract with METI</li> <li>• Next week – Brad and Larry will be meeting with</li> </ul> <p>SERSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See handout</li> <li>• Took the national release and attached the original regional Phase II document</li> <li>• Getting some further distribution</li> <li>• Forest Landowner's Association – went to a meeting two weeks ago – met with the Southern Forestry Dean – Ag extension – have a lot of information on post disaster response – how to deal with the community when the disaster is over – will be helpful for us</li> <li>• How do they think of fire as an opportunity? Good discussion</li> <li>• Met with a southern group of state foresters – again good discussion</li> <li>• Have a call next week with the insurance industry – is there an opportunity for credit trade-off</li> <li>• National Areas Conference – working on a presentation</li> <li>• Just did an evaluation of our (Southern Foresters) communication strategies – we may look to do a similar process for communications with other agencies and prevention campaigns going on in the South</li> <li>• Early part of next week – contract with the Southern Governors will be in place</li> </ul> <p>Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have had some discussions about having a brand</li> <li>• Did a couple of hours of brainstorming</li> <li>• Start passing it around – Fire Vision 2020</li> <li>• A united strategy for improving our country's approach to wildfire</li> <li>• Will send more information out shortly so that you can think about it and get input from others</li> <li>• Working on products – received most recent one this week – primer</li> <li>• Spent time working on the contingency communications</li> <li>• Distribute document to WFEC members today – comments by next Thursday</li> <li>• Mary gave a brief preview of what is contained in the document</li> <li>• Patti: There is another group that has a Vision 2020</li> <li>• Mac: Would like to see this come to a conclusion – nervous about calling it something else since we have been working on this for three years. We should not get on the road to Abilene</li> <li>• Mary: Not intended to replace the official name</li> </ul> <p>CSSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Been working on the Regional Risk Analysis Template</li> <li>• Small group put together to begin to work on the National Risk Analysis Template</li> </ul> <p><u>Decisions:</u> None</p>



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	<p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute additional communications products for WFEC review and comment</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Barriers and Critical Success Factors</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u> The CSSC delivered the Barriers and CSFs to WFEC at their last meeting. Review the barriers and critical success factors to determine WFEC priorities, next steps and the development of specific taskings to address them.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreement on priority of national barriers and critical success factors</li> <li>Agreement on next steps</li> <li>Approval of CSSC proposal</li> </ol> <p><u>Reference Material:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barriers and CSF Proposal</li> <li>Barriers Document</li> <li>WFEC Barrier Review and Comments</li> </ol> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some ready to discuss</li> <li>Some items that are probably interpreted differently by the members</li> <li>Proposal – take those highlighted as priorities – have discussion using the template – prioritize at the next meeting</li> <li>Mac – like what Jim Karels put together</li> <li>What affects all three regions? What affects the regions themselves? What affects the nation?</li> <li>Once that is in place, the prioritization will be on a national level – will then shake it all out.</li> <li>Mary – is it realistic to suggest a prioritization based on 1, 2, 3, etc? versus H, M, L</li> <li>Clarity of what the issue is will give us a good foundation for making those prioritization decisions</li> <li>Have representatives – chairs of the RSCs – good opportunity to get clarity from them</li> <li>CSSC asked the regions to submit their top 2 or 3 barriers or critical success factors that are national in scope</li> <li>Some of the items are common between regions</li> </ul> <p><u>Item #5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase fuels management on private lands is the focus for this item</li> <li>The remainder of the paragraph is more definition</li> <li>NPS – gave it a high priority – looked at who the work would fall to – State, county and local government and private landowners.</li> <li>FWS indicated that it should go to the NWCG fuels committee</li> <li>Jim K’s comments were more general in nature</li> <li>From Interior’s perspective, we need more clarification</li> <li>Jim E: Critical success factors focused on private land is not a high priority. If it referenced all lands, then it would be the very top priority</li> <li>Look at from a broader perspective to include the use of all tools.</li> <li>Concerns about how it is currently written</li> <li>There are other items that also refer to Fuels</li> <li>Ryan: Echo those comments</li> <li>Glenn G: Growing opportunity for USFA to ensure that fuels reduction are initiated at the local and state levels – especially in the private lands</li> <li>Think this has to be one of our top priorities</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mac: Don't disagree with anything. Struggle with the validation of what is the barrier and what the affect of removing those will be reflected other than at the anecdotal side</li> <li>• Mary: Need to make sure it is an all lands approach</li> <li>• Fuels reduction on private lands will be carried out much differently than on Federal land, state land, local land, etc.</li> <li>• Roy – grants that may be available</li> <li>• Reach back and provide some direction and tasking – concise problem statement – what needs to be done – who best to address – describe the outcome – some type of timeline</li> <li>• Interpretation affects how the different agencies prioritize them</li> <li>• Joe: Task team or folks that designed them – the providing clarity – straightforward – who they affect – who might be part of the solution – could be done after the conversations that have occurred during the past week</li> <li>• Key elements for tasking to the CSSC               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Take the existing spreadsheet</li> <li>○ Give to Dan and RSC chairs</li> <li>○ Explain the issue – more clearly</li> <li>○ Indicate it's relative importance</li> <li>○ Focus on highlighted items</li> <li>○ Concise problem statement</li> <li>○ Group in themes</li> <li>○ Identify the objective of what we have to accomplish</li> <li>○ Jim E – used the template – might be an effective way to gather feedback for the task team</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form a task team to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indicate how the different regions prioritize the yellow items</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Roy and Shari will draft a tasking to refine the barriers and critical success factors</li> <li>• WFEC members will provide their comments using the template.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Public Comments</b> None</p>
6	<p><b>Governance – Follow-up</b> <u>Description:</u> Update on Governance Tasking <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Understand where we are and next steps for WFEC <u>Reference Material:</u> 1. Governance Chart</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will come back to the group with what we understand our tasking to be</li> </ul> <p><u>Decisions:</u> None</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shari will draft a tasking – July 6</li> <li>• Include the timeline</li> <li>• Include the continuation of WFEC</li> </ul>



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7	<p><b>Regional Risk Analysis Report Template</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u> CSSC will present their recommendation for a template for the development of the Regional Risk Analysis Report</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> 1. WFEC agreement on proposed template</p> <p><u>Reference Material:</u> 1. WFEC Proposal Regional Report Template 2. Regional Risk Analysis Report Template</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have in front of us a proposal and outline for the template</li> <li>• We are hopeful that we can make progress on this – it is a component of the comprehensive work plan</li> <li>• Highlighted what is in the template</li> <li>• Recommendation for the future – what needs to be done – not clear – what is the best option</li> <li>• Bill, Mary, Ryan, Glenn, Mac, Jim E all approve the template with the suggested changes</li> <li>• Send back to WFEC after the modifications – any issues will be brought forward at a subsequent meeting. Otherwise it is considered approved.</li> </ul> <p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve template with modification to language</li> <li>• WFEC will have the opportunity to review</li> <li>• Only if there are significant issues will it be brought back for another decision</li> </ul> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSSC will update the language in the template</li> <li>• Chair or Coordinator will forward updated template to Shari for distribution to WFEC</li> <li>• WFEC will review and identify any significant issues</li> <li>• If any issues warrant attention by WFEC, the topic will be included in the next agenda.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Success Story Briefing</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u> Hear an example of a success story related to goals or collaborative efforts embodied within the Cohesive Strategy in order to help elevate the work already being accomplished at the local, state and national levels.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> 1. Information sharing</p> <p><u>Reference Material:</u> 1. Success Story</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yesterday morning – recognized real time successes that we could use</li> <li>• Bark beetle assessment and effort that was broad based</li> <li>• Attempt to get our arms around some bark beetle issues in Colorado</li> <li>• Well thought out – broad stakeholder involvement</li> <li>• Using Cohesive Strategy principles to develop a solution</li> <li>• Example of what Colorado partners are doing to reduce their risk</li> <li>• Longer term sense – other stakeholder groups are struggling with a vegetation challenge</li> <li>• By looking at how Colorado is tackling their issue may help other effort be more successful</li> </ul> <p><u>Decisions:</u> None</p>



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	<p><u>Actions:</u>            Roy – July 6            Bill – July 20</p>
9	<p><b>Round Robin</b></p> <p>Mary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will make sure everyone receives the contingency document today or Monday</li> <li>• Provide comments in the next week and a half – decision on June 6</li> <li>• Need to get going on the Governance issue</li> </ul> <p>Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serious Accident Investigation – need to Coordinate with Harbour - July</li> <li>• Incident Management Team Succession Plan - August</li> </ul> <p>Chief Gaines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12, 16, 28, 31 (from barrier document) are the USFA priority items</li> <li>• Willing to contribute in each of those</li> </ul> <p>Jim E:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do like the idea of a meeting out west</li> <li>• We could get suggestions from the WRSC on when and where to meet out west</li> <li>• Joe F: help with logistics, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Roy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will communicate with Tom H to discuss meeting frequency during the summer</li> </ul> <p>Patti:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tip: To print the entire barriers document remove the print area restriction</li> </ul> <p><u>Decisions:</u> None</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shari – send out example appointment letter for WFEC members to use if they want to designate a formal alternate</li> <li>• WFEC – Review contingency plan and get comments to Mary by June 26 and be prepared to accept the final contingency plan at the July 6 meeting.</li> </ul>