Opening, Roll Call
Chair Berndt called the meeting of the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. on December 27, 2017 in Olympia, WA. Due to travel constraints and the holiday season, the members participated in the meeting by phone, constituting a quorum.

Approval of Minutes
Chair Berndt called for approval of the minutes from the November 29, 2017 committee meeting. Committee member Hemmer moved to approve the minutes, Committee member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business
a. Chair Berndt gave a brief review on the AAR document.
IV. Chairman Report
Chairman Berndt gave a brief report and will follow up with a written report at a later date.

V. DNR Update
Mr. Turley introduced himself to the committee and gave brief background information on himself professionally. He gave a brief Forest Health plan update, informed the committee that Incident Commanders have been selected and that Fire Training Academy dates are being worked on now. Gerry Day gave a legislative update on the budget request for the Wildfire suppression package.

VI. New Business
Loren Torgerson gave an update on the Wildfire Strategic plan, stated that the Caspian Group was chosen as consultants. He stated the WFAC role is in process and that tasks have been developed for the committee to review, and will be finalized in January. Loren said there is a Wildfire Summit on January 31, 2018 that will bring 120-130 stakeholders together to talk about issues, and stated the importance of having WFAC representation.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting
By consensus, the committee decided to schedule the next general meeting at 10 am, on Wednesday, January 24, at the DNR’s Tumwater Compound on 88th Street. The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 11:30 p.m.

Draft minutes submitted by Ken Elliott, approved by Chairman Gary Berndt. Formal action to be taken to approve the minutes at the January meeting.