

## GA Editor WEBINAR – April 16, 2020 – 1300 MT

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### Call purpose:

To share information between and among the GAEs and the RDA to promote coordination and information exchange to and from users.

### Roll Call:

#### BIA

- Shawn Kelley, EA
- John Mosley, ON, OS
- Kim Kelly, PNW, GB
- Richard Gustafson, RM, SW
- Brian Tonihka, RM, SW
- Bill Grauel, National
- Reeve Armstrong, National
- Paul Ryan, SA

#### NPS

- Brian Sorbel, AK
- Jennifer Barnes, AK
- Mark Grupe, ON, OS, NW, GB
- Amy Ziegler, ON, OS, NW, GB
- Dan Warthin, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA
- Jason Loomis, ON, OS, NW, GB
- Nathan Williamson, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA

#### BLM

- Tom St. Clair, AK
- Casey Boesflug, AK
- Chris Moore, AK
- Darcy McDaniel, GB
- Andy Delmas, GB
- James Newman, ON, OS
- Karly DeMars, NR
- Gwenan Poirier, RM
- Lisa Bye, SW
- Rance Marquez, SW
- Dianna Sampson, area None
- Justin Boeck (non-GAE)

#### FWS

- Lisa Saperstein, AK
- Peter Butteri, AK
- Dale Shippelhoute, ON, OS, NW, GB

#### FS

- Bobbette Rowe, AK
- Raymond Parrish, EA
- Barbara Knieling, GB
- Linda Chappell, GB
- Bill Gardunio (inter-agency), ON, OS
- Patrick Doyle, ON, OS
- Randy Striplin, ON, OS
- DeeDee Cherry, ON, OS
- Rick Connell, NR (detailed)
- Kristen Sanders, NR
- Rita Chandler, NR
- Mark Johnson (BLM OR/WA), NW
- Katie Hetts (BLM OR/WA), NW
- Ben Curtis (BLM OR/WA), NW

- Mark Nelson, RM
- Cary Newman, RM
- Sarah Synoweic, RM

Cody Wienk, NR, RM, EA, SA

James Roberts, ON, OS, NW, GB

Alison Richards, RM

Windy Bunn, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA

Rich Sterry, NR, RM, GB

Harold Riggs, SW

Missy Forder, SA

Josh O'Connor, ON, OS, NW, GB

Abie Carabjal, SW

Jon Wallace, SA

Allan Hepworth, SA

### State, County

Kevin Conn (non GAE)

Jennifer Anderson, SA

Kathryn Pyne, AK

Chuck McHugh, area None

Mike Butteri, AK

Clint Cross, area None

Jeff Shelton, OCFA

Rick Stratton, area None

Rocco Snart, CO

Dylan Rader

### Note taker: Tami Parkinson

- Notes and Action Items posted [here](#)

### Attachments:

- none

### Agenda Items:

#### General- Morgan Pence

- Reminder our call schedule is quarterly, our next call is July 16<sup>th</sup>. RDA will send monthly email correspondence for the months of May and June.
- Welcome new GAEs: No new GAEs this last month. Julie Shea (FS NR) has retired. Please communicate GAE changes with Morgan Pence and Rick Mowery to ensure you get the proper user roles, invites to the calls, and contact info to the Helpdesk.
- Reminder to send Morgan Pence and Rick Mowery WFDSS Training Dates; we add to the calendar. Our GA Calendar is a Firenet calendar, it will likely be unavailable for a short time as we figure out how to adjust under O365 when Firenet migrates.
  - This helps in the event there was training on the calendar it gives Morgan/Rick some heads up to contact individuals if there are going to be impacts
  - Shared calendars may/may not migrate, so stay tuned for this after migration
- WFMEDA hosted Agency Administrators Webinar was held 4/9- and will be posted to: [https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/aa\\_wfdss\\_refreshers.php](https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/aa_wfdss_refreshers.php)
  - Will be posted soon, approximately 620 registrants, and 580 participants on the refresher
- [Calendar Review](#) we post the Production and Training reboot schedule to this calendar
  - Reboots of Prod are at 0400 Mtn. and Training at 2200 Mtn. once a month.
- RDA Staffing: announce Vice-Mindar – Susan McClendon BLM – from Pinedale WY, will be working from Grand Teton NP for an office location, she should be starting with the RD&A April 27th

## RDA Program Manager- Tim Sexton/Mark Hale

### Emerging Issues- All Call Participants

#### WFDSS Quick Tip – Rick Mowery

Notification lists – Fire behavior requests and Geographic Area Summaries

Fire behavior requests: New GAE's are signed up (by Morgan) for email notifications from this list.

Two methods to sign up: By username or by email address.

- Username: This will send an email to the Primary and Secondary email addresses on your account. If your secondary email address is a cell phone, you will get text messages. If you change the contact information in your profile, this will update where you receive this notification, but changing your Geographic area in your contact information will not change what requests you receive from this list.
- Email address: You can enter any email address here, whether or not it is in the contact information for your profile. You can enter an email address that will deliver text messages to a cell phone (If you need help with this, use the tool in the Contact Information subtab under your My Home tab). Any email address you enter in here will NOT be changed by updating the Contact Information for your profile.
- You can sign up to receive Fire Behavior Request notifications from more than one Geographic Area. Just add yourself to the notification list multiple times.

Geographic Area Summaries: (Nobody signed up for this automatically – at your discretion if you want them or not)

- Sign up only by email address. Enter a name, and the email address you want the summaries sent to. To see the summaries for more than one Geographic Area, add yourself to the list multiple times. The email address you enter here will NOT be updated by changing your contact information in your profile. This is a good time to remind Forest Service users that you should update your email address to the new USDA.GOV address in here as well.

Map layers- How to make sure you see all the layers you want (and not the ones you don't)

#### **Map preferences:**

With more people gearing up for their fire season, it's a good time for a reminder about map preferences. This is often a culprit when someone finds that they don't have a particular data layer available in their map.

- Map preferences determine which map layers are available to display, which layers are switched on by default, and the default map background. Map preferences are set in several different places in the application. I'll point out 2: Your System Preferences tab (under My Home), and the Incident Map Prefs link on the left-side menu within an incident.
- System Preferences (left side under My Home tab) is what determines the layers available to you in any map. If a layer is turned off for you in here, you will not even see it as an option to turn on on any map. If you find a layer missing for you, check here first. For example, we recently got the MODIS and VIIRS connections restored. Some users find that those layers were removed from their System Preferences and must be re-added.
- Incident Map Preferences (left side menu from the Incident Information tab) is what determines the layers that are initially displayed for any user viewing maps on this incident. These layers can be turned off by an individual user, but will be turned on by default for any incident map they view. You can also set a default Base Layer for the incident here. This will override a user's default base layer from their System Preferences. You can also set the base map that will be used for any automatically generated maps in the Decision.

**User's system preferences:** What layers a user CAN see.

**Incident Map Prefs:** Of the layers a user CAN see, what DO they see when they first open a map.

### WFDSS Updates – Morgan Pence and Rick Mowery

- Status of WFDSS Outage on 4/16/20- security certificates expired
  - Morgan is tracking this right now
  - If there is an incident and they initiate a paper WFDSS, be aware this will need to be manually entered following the incident once the application is up
  - Apologies for the inconvenience for training, data managers etc.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> release notes available: [https://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS\\_whats\\_new.shtml](https://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS_whats_new.shtml)
  - Bug fixes, lots related to IRWIN
- Next Release Planned for May 13<sup>th</sup>- High and Medium priority bug fixes
  - Release notes will be available shortly after
- FamAuth Update: at this time we do not anticipate moving the current version of WFDSS under FAMAuth (login.gov/NAP sign on)
- Known Issues is the source for the status of known bugs and workaround:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wDBsMNilFVrGcEqyxkMeJV5QID5iR0mDjvynGYs69Dc/edit?usp=sharing>
  - Trying to keep track of high/medium bugs we know of and tracking, there is a link to this document on the WFDSS sign on page

### WFDSS Next Gen Update (Sam, Erin, Tonja, Trevor)

- WFDSS Next Gen Updates are posted here: <https://famit.nwcg.gov/node/1601>
- Next Gen go live date is now fall 2021.
  - If you would like to provide feedback to be considered for WFDSS NextGen you will find a link on the NextGen update site. Before sending in feedback check the inventory to help us avoid duplicates.
  - If you would like to participate in a User Group (UG) the sign up is also at the NextGen Update site.
- Other feedback or inquiries you can reach out to one of the Next Gen Team members

### IRWIN Status – Andrew Bailey

- WFDSS connected with IRWIN version 6 since March 9th, mostly smooth.
  - Two new systems connected, INFORM and IROC
  - Seeing some system slowness with IRWIN, perhaps due to the additional load of new systems. Always feel free to submit a feedback if you see something odd
- Some training might be needed at the local unit, there are non-Wildfire incidents being created as wildfire incidents and it is being pushed into WFDSS – these are more severity or other codes being created that really shouldn't be in WFDSS.
- In the past when a wildfire came into WFDSS and then it transitioned to a non wildfire, and then back to a wildfire – it would lose communication with data, NOW WFDSS maintains this communication stream
  - Records created as Other/RX type incidents will not feed into IRWIN unless they are later changed to a Wildfire.

## Geospatial Data – Andrew Bailey/Ben Butler

- 2020 FMU/Strategic Objective update – April deadline was yesterday April 15<sup>th</sup>, will be available in WFDSS 4/29. Next update in June. Schedule available at [https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/FMU\\_Update\\_Sched.html](https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/FMU_Update_Sched.html)
- General data refresh - Recently completed layers:
  - National Scenic Trails
  - National Historic Trails
  - Geographic Areas
  - Fire\_Wx\_Zones
  - USFS Buildings
  - NPS Buildings
  - TNC Lands
  - Communication Towers
  - Mines
- Currently in work to refresh in WFDSS:
  - Jurisdictional Agencies (except AK)
  - Wilderness
  - BLM and Admin boundaries
  - BLM buildings and campgrounds
  - Fuel Treatments (from NFPORS and FACTS)
  - Waiting on fire perimeters from BIA/FWS,
  - Waiting on Fire Management Options and Jurisdictional Agency updates from AK

## Round Robin:

Share coordination opportunities, anticipated fire activity and trainings, share feedback from WFDSS users, etc.

- Alaska: Peter – AK GAE call today, behind on data submission will coordinate with Andrew,
- Eastern: training last week – Regional WFDSS webinar last week, local refreshers were last week, fire activity active since March, no WFDSS support needs at this time
- Great Basin: BLM – virtual refresher through webex, Darcy is moving to a new position, Dylan Rader will detail in behind her
- NorCal: Amy – NPS several units switching to spatial fire planning, uploading management requirements, several WFDSS webinars in May and June, these are in lieu of the in person scenario training. Hope to get the interagency GAE CA to review SOP etc soon. Billy Gardunio will help leading this effort
  - Doyle – FS – Inyo and San Bernardino updates are coming Patrick will reach out.
  - BLM is scheduling refreshers, northern district moving to spatial fire planning
- SoCal:
- Northern Rockies: FS Chad Pickering is Julies replacement, contact information is coming, refreshers have been tabled a bit due to the COVID
  - There wasn't agreement on the national direction in WFDSS around COVID-19 from all bureaus/agencies

- WFM RD&A in response - If there was agreement on the direction that is needed we are willing to assist
- AA refresher BLM – preseason information sharing
- Northwest: FS some training is ongoing, forest plan updates, Olympic national forest so the spatial fire planning is in better alignment with the Olympic NP
  - BLM same as prior briefing
  - Amy Ziegler will replace Jason Loomis as the GAE for NPS, Jason will be back up
- Rocky Mountain: No updates from BLM
  - FS – planning WFDSS 101 session for new AA's to get them oriented to the application
    - May 28th
- Southwest: FS training is mostly wrapped up, April 27<sup>th</sup> for NM state personnel
- Southern: NPS fire activity some fires in southern florida, working on decisions, Alan H stood up some decision support for R8, some sluggishness on incident tab, data base clean up ongoing, questions on calling the fire out and how that integrates with WFDSS
  - Performance issues, please email Andrew or the help tab so we can get the information to the right people to answer the questions
  - Not hearing a lot if information from the Next Gen user groups
  - NPS GAE group for information sharing

## Next Call

- **July 16th 1300**
- Monthly emails will come out the third week of the month for May and June

## Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:

- WFDSS Operations and Maintenance: Morgan Pence [morgan.pence@usda.gov](mailto:morgan.pence@usda.gov), Rick Mowery [rick.mowery@usda.gov](mailto:rick.mowery@usda.gov),
- WFDSS Data: Andrew Bailey and Ben Butler [Andrew\\_bailey@nps.gov](mailto:Andrew_bailey@nps.gov), [bbutler@fs.fed.us](mailto:bbutler@fs.fed.us)
- WFDSS Role Issues: Contact the On Call Coordinator: 208-387-5253
- IRWIN WFDSS liaison: Andrew Bailey [Andrew\\_bailey@nps.gov](mailto:Andrew_bailey@nps.gov)
- WFDSS Help Content and Training Resources and Helpdesk Liason: Diane Rau [diane.rau@usda.gov](mailto:diane.rau@usda.gov)
- Active incident decision and analysis support: All NFDSC personnel, best to contact On Call Coordinator (208) 387-5253
- IFTDSS: Caroline Noble and Kim Ernstrom [carolinelnoble@fs.fed.us](mailto:carolinelnoble@fs.fed.us), [kim\\_ernstrom@nps.gov](mailto:kim_ernstrom@nps.gov)
- GAE call management: Morgan Pence [morgan.pence@usda.gov](mailto:morgan.pence@usda.gov)
- When in doubt contact the On-Call Coordinator and they will route you: (208) 387-5253

## References

Agency Administrator Toolbox: [https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/agency\\_admin\\_toolbox.php](https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/agency_admin_toolbox.php)

GAE Resources: <https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/wfdss-ga-editors.php>

