

GA Editor WEBINAR – July 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
- Richard Sinkovitz, SA
- Amy Ziegler, ON, OS, NW, GB
- Dan Warthin, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA
- Jason Loomis, ON, OS, NW, GB

BLM

- Tom St. Clair, AK
- Casey Boesflug, AK
- Chris Moore, AK
- Dylan Rader, 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)
- Raechel Owens, GB

FWS

- Lisa Saperstein, AK
- Peter Butteri, AK

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
- Chad Pickering, NR
- 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

Nathan Williamson, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA

Dale Shippelhoue, ON, OS, NW, GB

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

Chris Waverek, OS, ON

Kristen Allison, OS, ON

Note taker: Nicole Vaillant

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

Attachments: none

Agenda Items:

General- Morgan Pence

- Planned outages/reboots are posted to the [GAE Calendar](#)
- Calls are quarterly, next call is October 15th. Email correspondence will be sent August and Sept.

RDA Program Manager- Tim Sexton/Mark Hale

- None today, Mark and Tim not present

Emerging Issues- All Call Participants

- None, email Morgan/Rick if things come up

New GAE Welcome

- Welcome Kristen Allison and Chris Waverek, both FS North AND South Ops

RDA Staffing

- Detailer Kip Van de Water (Fire Planner on the Klamath NF) is joining the WFDSS O&M team July 20th for 120 days.
- Vice Opperman Outreach is posted (emailed to GAE team)

Common Issues and Resolution:

- See the [Known Issues](#) list for the most common current issues and status, will be updated shortly after July 29th release.

WFDSS Quick Tip – Morgan Pence and Rick Mowery

- Approvers for a decision
 - Best practices reminder
 - Easier to establish roles before you have a fire
 - Double check the privileges you have prior to sending for approval
 - Contact the approvers prior to sending it to them for review
 - In the last week or so, there one incident where and approver had two accounts. And one got disabled between being sent for approval and being approved
 - Disabling an account doesn't remove them, it just makes them invisible
 - It won't then publish when 1 person approved because the other couldn't
 - The fix, go to the Admin tab, and reenale the account that was disabled.
 - Question, how do you clear up and instance where a user has more than 1 account?
 - Accounts with no activity in 270 days are removed
 - If you see an account for somebody in your GA, please reach out and see which to keep active, and disable the other(s)

WFDSS O&M Updates – Morgan Pence and Rick Mowery

- Release 6.4.6 is scheduled to be released July 29th. It will address 55 high and medium priority bugs. Release is from 0400 to 0500 Mountain.
 - A broadcast message will be in the system the day before
- Release notes will be posted on the homepage and the Known Issues document will be cleaned up shortly after the release.
- CONUS Landfire 2016 is now available and is scheduled to be loaded to Prod and Training in September.
- The current 5 year contract with our developer, Criterion, expires in October. Enterprise Applications Services (EAS) has begun to transition and will manage WFDSS O&M needs under an agreement after Criterion transitions out.
- Non Fed- Users: We have an updated process for meeting/tracking the information security training requirement for non-federal WFDSS users. Non-feds will now be able to more easily use an online training and provide GAEs with proof of completion certificates. We will work to update the directions for this in the GAE Reference Guide and on the RDA GAE webpage within the next month.
 - This is not retroactive, if they are in the system already, there is no action needed

WFDSS Next Gen Update (Sam, Erin, Trevor, Bre, Diane)

- Monthly Next Gen status updates posted [here](#)
- The NextGen team is continuing to work on Relative Risk and Strategy and hope to be able to show the User Group mockups late July or August
 - Getting the design out on that now. The goal is mid-late August to be done with the wireframes, and possibly live QA environment
- Landing Dashboard and Incident Dashboard user group feedback has been implemented. Small refinements on how data tables behave on these pages are being made.
- Progress is being made on the Map Studio as well as integrating reference data as a service
 - Ongoing with ref layers/widgets/tools
- Continued progress on managing user accounts as well as prototyping user roles
- Beginning design discussions with EAS on Spatial Fire Planning and Strategy
- Continued work on WFDSS legacy data migration
- Work has begun on setting up the hosting environment through DOI AWS contract. Allowing EAS to start writing code in the right platform. Currently have a QA environment they are working in

IRWIN Status – Andrew Bailey

- Status of IRWIN – Ops normal
- A few duplicate fires, those were handled quickly
- Missing incidents in WFDSS. Send in Feedback and they will be added quickly.

Geospatial Data – Andrew Bailey/Ben Butler

- Geospatial Data Refresh Update
 - FMU – 4 done in 2020. Most recent in the end of June
 - 2 more remaining for Sept & Nov
 - Please get data/updates to WFDSS lead by Sept 2 for inclusion by the end of the month
 - Updated Fire Retardant Avoidance layer, Fuels treatments, substations, trans lines, wild & scenic rivers
 - Pending for SG habitat, BLM gas, trans line
 - Next jurisdictional including AK, oil & gas pipelines, fire perim hist.
- As was noted in the June email update, we are considering increasing the point and vertex limits on unit shapes from 100 to 500 for points and from 75,000 to 250,000 for polygons. This change has been made on Training only in order to test the viability. We are looking for units that would like to test this change on Training and provide feedback regarding map loading speeds or other degraded performance. Units can go ahead and test it at their own convenience now (on Training only). We ask that feedback/issues/success be sent to Andrew Bailey and Rick Mowery. If we can be assured this does not impact performance we will work toward making these changes to Production.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
 - Peter Butteri - No 1300 AK GAE meeting today.
 - Jennifer, NPS will test shape limits
- Eastern:
 - Ray Parrish, Thanks for updating security process!
- Great Basin:
 - Barbara Knieling - Activity is picking up, thank you on the state process
 - Rachel Owens - Lots of WFDSS & fire activity. Missing FMUs in districts. Will reach out to learn more
- NorCal:
 - Patrick Doyle, FS – Kristen Allison and Chris Waverek are new. Work as Regional Fire Planners. Work with Support too. Spatial Fire Planning, still have one forest in the region that they are working on ETC is fall.
 - Amy Ziegler, NPS – 2 GAE for the area, it's her and Jason Loomis. Jason is listed twice. She is the one for the PNW region and not Jason. Will also help with new shapefile testing.
- SoCal:
 - Patrick Doyle, FS – WFDSS exercise with a district to work with line officers and fire staff to inform them of the process. Been lacking people due to vacancies.
 - James Newman, BLM – Activity picking up. Getting a presentation ready to train the AAs locally on how to work with the agencies.
- Northern Rockies:
 - Chad Pickering, fire activity slow, but will pick up as summer goes. WFDSS User roles is slow, but when activity picks up they will dive in more.
- Northwest:
 - Mark Johnson, FS & BLM, things are slow. But re-enabling accounts will pick up as fire season does
- Rocky Mountain:
 - Cary Newman, FS, activity is confined to CO and southern WY. All is smooth.
- Southwest:
 - Harold Riggs, FS, things are starting to wind down, but some areas of high fire behavior so far. Not many issues
- Southern:
 - Nobody on the call

Next Call

- October 15th, 2020
- Monthly emails will come out the third week of the month for August and September

Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:

- WFDSS Operations and Maintenance: Morgan Pence morgan.pence@usda.gov, Rick Mowery rick.mowery@usda.gov,
- WFDSS Data: Andrew Bailey and Ben Butler Andrew_bailey@nps.gov, bbutler@fs.fed.us
- WFDSS Role Issues: Contact the On Call Coordinator: 208-387-5253
- IRWIN WFDSS liaison: Andrew Bailey Andrew_bailey@nps.gov
- WFDSS Help Content and Training Resources and Helpdesk Liason: Diane Rau 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, caroline_noble@firenet.gov, kim_ernstrom@nps.gov
- GAE call management: Morgan Pence 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

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