

GA Editor WEBINAR – October 15, 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:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rocco Snart, CO		<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck McHugh, area None
		<input type="checkbox"/> Clint Cross, area None

Bonus people: Morgan Pence, Rick Mowery, Ben Butler, Andrew Bailey, Kim Ernstrom

Phone roll call part: Chris (??? he got walked on could have been Chris Waverek????)

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 January 21st and is our AAR call. Please send topics to Morgan and Rick. Email correspondence will be sent November and December.

Emerging Issues- All Call Participants

New GAE Welcome: Thad Herzberger FWS for SW and SA. Please let Rick and Morgan know when there are changes in GAEs so we can adjust user roles, distribution lists, and IIA Helpdesk contact info.

RDA Staffing

- Vice Tonja Opperman position outreach closed, working to fill it. Meanwhile filled by detailer Wes Hall.

- Andrew Bailey working more on Next Gen than current Gen, Ben Butler will be WFDSS Geospatial contact for current WFDSS. Andrew remains IRWIN contact.
- Kip Van de Water's detail ends November 6th.

Common Issues and Resolution:

- In September we experienced multiple slow downs of the network significantly impacting WFDSS users. The Business, Development, and Management teams have been communicating with the Infrastructure team to understand the source and nature of the issue. The source of the issue is still not fully understood. Keeping WFDSS fully functional in high and low preparedness levels is our top priority.

WFDSS Quick Tip – Morgan Pence and Rick Mowery

- Demo the new security question process and the use of CAPTCHA in the Forgot Username and Forgot Password process that will occur in the next release (Nov. 18th).

WFDSS O&M Status/Update – Morgan Pence and Rick Mowery

- Non fed security training
 - We updated the [GAE page](#) of the RDA site removing the older paper security training materials and replaced with a link to the current online non-fed user security Training. Please ensure your non-fed users provide proof of this training to you annually.
- Release 6.4.7 is scheduled for Nov. 18th.
 - Includes: required security enhancements, a few IRWIN adjustments, and a few miscellaneous bug fixes for support functions.
 - A full listing of release notes will be available on the homepage with the release.
- Release 6.4.8 release date TBD after holidays will include more high and medium priority bug fixes and LF 2016.
- Contract Transition
 - Criterion's contract ends Oct. 31. Operations and Maintenance will be managed by Enterprise Application Services (EAS) going forward through an agreement until Next Gen WFDSS is ready.
 - No interruption is expected, the transition has been occurring over the last 6 months, many of the developers have moved to EAS. All methods of reaching out for support remain the same: use the Feedback button in WFDSS, Call the NFDSC Analysis and Decision support phone number, or send in an IIA HelpDesk ticket.

IRWIN Status – Andrew Bailey

- IRWIN is finalizing requirements for v7, with an expected release date in April of 2021.
- One change, if accepted, may result in a minor change to the WFDSS user interface: one proposal would change the minimum acreage value from .1 acres to .01 acres.
- There should be no other changes to the WFDSS user interface as a result of IRWIN v7 changes.
- Changes are primarily related to
 - Clarity in data presentation within the data exchange environment, such as removing unused data fields and domain values, updating field names to more clearly communicate the meaning of the data,
 - Supporting additional final fire reporting (INFORM) needs
 - Supporting upcoming Fire Environment Mapping System needs
 - Data validation

Geospatial Data – Ben Butler

- Refresh guide up on the website, goal is to have the work done by mid-July. But can extend beyond
- Jurisdictional Agency, Protecting Agency, Historic Fire Perimeters are still being worked on. Should hit Training and Production next week
- One more FMU/Strategic update to do – data due to Ben by November 10th.
 - Field send to data lead by November 4th

WFDSS Next Gen Update - Sam, Erin, Trevor, Bre, Diane

- The user interface is progressing well, and will be ready for user group feedback in late 2020 or early 2021
- The Next Gen team have begun requirements and wireframes for fire behavior analyses
- Work on Relative Risk and Strategy continues to make progress
- Spatial Fire Planning (SFP) is being assessed to determine if it can be moved out of WFDSS and into a service so that SOs and MRs can be managed outside of WFDSS NextGen. More news and updates on SFP will be forth coming in late November or December.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska: Pete 1300 AK GAE call today,
- Eastern: None
- Great Basin: Barbara Knieling still in fire season, extended ~500 temp/seasonal, WFDSS training not on agendas yet; Raechel Owens BLM Utah, ERC still high, not current WFDSS requests; Dylan Rader are the best practices for handler requests? Email Dylan if you have information on how you do it, and you can CC Morgan and Rick.
- NorCal: None

- SoCal: None
- Northern Rockies: Rita Chandler westside calming down, didn't get ppt on east side. No WFDSS issues/concerns
- Northwest: Ben Curtis BLM nothing to report, FS one unit got a new Forest Plan, will be reworking FMUs but might not be by the Nov 4th deadline (Ben Butler asked him to stay in touch, it might be able to be included). Fire season slowing down.
- Rocky Mountain: Mark Nelson 7 project fires (more than normal) that have been long (3+ months). Cameron Peak longer than normal, did 20K ac push yesterday. Used Wes Hall as coordination role after calling RD&A for help. Had Rick Stratton helping with RMA and storybooks. Mark Hale did a road show to go through MAPs etc. to help with decisions. Very helpful since only 4-5 LTAN/SOPLs. Teams don't have them. Kacey Teski and Kip VandeWater helped with evacuation projection. Kerry Newman running them now and is helping. Lot of learning lessons they have documented. Grateful for the support.
- Southwest: Abie Carabajal Can Mark Nelson share the AAR with them. Fire behavior specialist topic, limited with the skills locally. COVID has impacted the training abilities right now. Putting off S-495 is troublesome. Might need to coordinate with other areas. Fire season is slowing down finally. Rance Marquez BLM Az- Was able to get Crystal from NIFC to help. Otherwise having to read up using the WFDSS help. Starting to gather spatial information to be able to do that in future, but won't make the Nov 4th deadline.
- Southern: None

Next Call

- January 21st, 2020
- Monthly emails will come out the third week of the month for November and December

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>