

GAEs- here is your monthly correspondence

March 2020

- **Reminders:**
 - **Next month (April) is a call month, the call is April 16th at 1300 Mountain.** The agenda and Go-To-Webinar link will be sent in advance. Reminder calls are quarterly with email correspondence for the non-call months (calls are Jan, April, July, Oct).
 - Send WFDSS Training/Refresher dates to Morgan and Rick, we add them to the GAE and Training Calendar, morgan.pence@usda.gov and rick.mowery@usda.gov.
 - WFDSS Agency Admin. Refresher Webinar is April 9th, 1200-1300 Mountain, flyer attached.
 - The Next Generation WFDSS project has begun. If you would like to participate or keep up to date please check the [FAM IT website](#) for details.
- **NEW GAE Welcome:** Rick Connell, FS NR (detailed behind Julie Shea, retiring)
- **RDA Staffing**
 - We are in the process of filling a vacant position (vice-Dan Mindar), anticipate it being filled later this spring
- **Common Issues and Resolution**
 - [WFDSS Known Issues](#) has been updated post our March 4th release. It includes the most common bugs, work-arounds (if they exist) and status of fixes. The Known Issues link is available from the WFDSS Homepage.
- **WFDSS O&M Update/Status**
 - Release occurred March 4th, see [release notes](#), fixed over 40 bugs and ensured WFDSS works with IRWIN V6.
 - Next Release planned for mid-May to fix 25+ High priority bugs/issues.
 - WFDSS Homepage now provides some info on Next Gen and link to [FAMIT site with monthly updates](#).
 - The *What You Need to Know about WFDSS - 2020* document is near completion and will soon be posted to the Hot Picks section of the WFDSS Homepage and under Training > Decision Learning Resources.
 - O&M Planning meeting scheduled for early April to prioritize required infrastructure and IT modifications- more to come if there are anticipated impacts to users.
- **IRWIN Updates**
 - IRWIN v6 released 3/9.
 - WFDSS is connected, had a brief outage on 3/11, but appears to be stable now. If you notice anything strange, feel free to submit a feedback.
 - Incidents will continue to stay in synch with IRWIN, even if the type changes to a non-Wildfire type (Rx or "Other:").
 - In previous versions, if a wildfire incident in WFDSS changed type, whether that change occurred in WFDSS or in another application connected to IRWIN, WFDSS would cease exchanging data until the incident became a wildfire again.

- If an incident is created in WFDSS as an “Other” or “Rx” type, it will not be sent to IRWIN unless its type is changed in WFDSS to a Wildfire. This remains the same as earlier versions.
 - Incidents that become inValid are now remaining as “Wildfire” incidents instead of changing types to “Other”. We are investigating ways to notify users if an incident is shown as not valid in IRWIN.
- **Geospatial Data**
 - 2020 Data Refresh is underway
 - Updated layers in Production: County boundaries, FWS Critical Habitat lines and polygons, Mines.
 - Updated layers queued to be loaded: USFS Buildings, NPS Buildings, Communication Towers, Jurisdictional Agencies and Units (sans Alaska), Fire Weather Zones, TNC Lands
 - Layers on deck for late March/April: Wilderness Boundaries, Mines, National Scenic Byways, National Historic Trails, National Recreation Trails, National Scenic Trails, BLM Oil/Gas Leases, BLM Range Allotments, BLM Horse and Burro Areas, GACC boundaries, BIA and BLM Admin Boundaries.
 - Received fire perimeters from AICC. Waiting on historical fire perimeters datasets from the agencies.
 - Moved Fuel Treatments update to April to allow a few agencies to catch up historical data.
 - FMU/Strategic Objective shapes
 - February FMU update (v57) was loaded to production on 3/12: Bureau of Reclamation - Pacific Northwest Region, BLM Nevada, Yosemite National Park, Olympic National Park.
 - FMU (v58) update will be loaded on 4/1: Only one update received, Inyo National Forest.
 - Next FMU update (v59) scheduled to be loaded on 4/29. Data should be delivered to your Agency Fire GIS lead by 4/08 to ensure that data are loaded on time.
 - Full 2020 schedule
here: https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/FMU_Update_Sched.html
- **WFDSS Next Gen Update/Status**
 - The Product Owners continue to work with the Business Analyst and UX/UI Designer gathering business requirements and learning about the current system.
 - Meeting in Fort Collins Feb 11-13 for in-depth discussions on modeling with product owners and the business analyst.
 - Meeting in Fort Collins March 4-5 to discuss GIS and EGP with Cole Belongie.
 - Meeting in Fort Collins April 6-10 for additional requirements gathering. (tentative)
 - Development team and FS PM working with FS CIO EAD to obtain a development environment in Azure to start building the code.
 - DOI – OWF recruiting for a long term detailer into the DOI Product Owner vacancy.
 - Hired the vacant PM position with EAS. Starting March 23rd.

- Developing and finalizing project documentation.

Actively recruiting [User Groups](#)