

May 2020

- **Reminders**

- [GAE Calendar](#)

- We have moved the calendar from Firenet Google to O365 (access from Homepage, under Hot picks Right Hand menu). We post the training dates sent to Morgan/Rick and planned outages and reboots (6/9 Prod reboots 0300-0400, Training 2200-2300) (6/12 WIMS reboots 00:30-01:30, no FB models during this time).

- Granting User Roles:

- After giving a user role on Prod, it can take up to 30 minutes for that role to appear on Training (the utility to sync roles runs every 30 minutes). If a user needs a role on Training right away (for example if they are sitting in a Training course) grant the role in Prod and Training to avoid having to wait 30 minutes.
 - When giving a user role on Prod, if the user adjusts their profile on Training before the new role syncs to Training, the roles won't sync. Users adjusting their profile in Training prevents the sync utility from working correctly.
 - If you suspect a role hasn't synced correctly for a user, let us know through Feedback and we can investigate.

- **NEW GAE Welcome:** Good-bye to Mark Grupe, Darcy McDaniel, and Rick Connell. Welcome Dylan Rader (BLM GB detailed behind Darcy), Raechel Owens (BLM GB, Utah) and Chad Pickering (FS NR).

- **RDA Staffing**

- Tonja Opperman is moving on to work for the Enterprise Team. Bre Schueller will detail behind her for 120 days. RDA will be working to recruit and fill soon.

- **Emerging Issues**

- A GAE asked for a query of Decisions that include the Covid mentions. We are working to fulfill this request.

- **Common Issues and Resolution**

- The [Known Issues](#) document is being cleaned up to account for the items fixed in the May 14th release, as well as adding additional issues we have identified. The Known Issues document describes known issues, work-arounds, and estimated fix dates.

- **WFDSS O&M Update/Status**

- The WFDSS Release on 5/14 resolved 50+ high and medium priority bugs. Specifics can be found in the [Release Notes](#).
 - The next Release is scheduled for July 29th, more bug fixes are on docket to be addressed.

AA/RMA related: The AA Refresher and Hot Topics webinar and the associated reference materials are hosted on the [AA WFDSS Refresher page](#).

- [RMA site](#) is updated, you will find the reference storyline, roles and responsibilities, RMA products offered for fire season 2020 and how to get help this upcoming field season.
- Several FS AA resources have been updated on the [Agency Administrator Resources page](#)
 - Forest Service Certification Program – including a video outlining the leaders intent around the program
 - Wildland Fire Decision Support Tools 2020
 - Wildland Fire Decision Support Tools: a guide for AAs
- **IRWIN Updates**
 - WFDSS has remained connected with IRWIN version 6 since March 9th, connection is stable.
 - Saw duplicates that resulted from a “tier 4” unit in Mississippi needing to coordinate with their “tier 3” dispatch center for resource ordering. Please reach out to the IROC helpdesk if you foresee this problem coming up. If you create a fire in Firecode or WildCAD, you should not need to re-create it in IROC. IROC can transfer incidents between dispatch centers. If you have WFDSS work in two incidents that are supposed to be one record in WFDSS, it becomes very difficult to de-duplicate.
 - Continued need for training 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, COVID support, or other codes being created that really shouldn’t be in WFDSS. If it isn’t a wildfire, please have it created as a non wildfires incident type-category.
- **Geospatial Data**
 - 2020 FMU/Strategic Objective update
 - April submissions were loaded on schedule, April 29th.
 - 3 remaining opportunities to load FMU data this year!
 - Next update opportunity is in June. Data should be delivered to agency GIS leads before June 3rd and will be available in WFDSS 6/24.
 - Following update will be in September.
 - Schedule available at https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/FMU_Update_Sched.html
 - General data refresh - Recently completed layers:
 - Jurisdictional Agencies (except AK)
 - Terrestrial Retardant Avoidance Area
 - Alaska Fire Management Options
 - Campgrounds
 - BLM Admin Boundaries
 - BIA Admin Boundaries
 - BLM Grazing Allotments
 - BLM Wild Horse and Burro Herd Management Areas
 - Wilderness

- Upcoming data refresh layers
 - AK Jurisdictional Agencies
 - BLM buildings
 - BLM Oil and Gas Leases
 - Fuel Treatments (from NFPORS and FACTS)
 - Historic Fire Perimeters
 - Sage Grouse Habitat (fix for WY/CO border PHMA)
 - Aquatic Fire Retardant Avoidance
 - Power Plants
 - Electric Substations
 - Electric Transmission Lines
- **WFDSS Next Gen Update/Status**
 - [April Monthly Update](#)
 - Thanks to everyone who gave us feedback on the two mocked up wireframes of the new Landing Page and Incident Pages. We have assembled a lot of great comments that we are bringing forward to the development team.
 - Thanks to Tonja Opperman for her work with the WFM RDA and commitment to get Next Gen off to a good start. Tonja is leaving the WFM RDA on Friday, May 22nd to work for the Forest Service Enterprise Team and will continue to be based in Gardiner, MT. She will continue to be involved in some capacity to support Next Gen in her current job. We wish her the best. Thanks Tonja! Brianna Schueller will be detailed behind Tonja for 120 days and brings with her extensive knowledge of fire application development from her time working on the IFTDSS project. Welcome Bre!