

August 2020

- **Reminders:** Our next quarterly call is Oct. 15th. We send the agenda a few days before the call.
- **NEW GAE Welcome:** Tom St. Clair now supports the BIA for AK no longer BLM. Jennifer Anderson now supports NPS (no longer FS) for ON/OS/NW/GB, New GAE Mark Cahur for FS in Alaska, New GAE Calvin Farris NPS for ON/OS/NW/GB
- **RDA Staffing:** No changes since last report.
- **Common Issues and Resolution:**
 - [Known Issues Document](#)
 - There is not a specific theme to current issues, however with increased activity infrequently a LCP or a run becomes stuck. Analysts should submit feedback if they feel their LCP or analysis is not processing so we can take a look. We are also watching for these, but the analyst might detect the issue before we do.
 - We have had a few decisions fail to go to review/approval after they were sent. We are working to understand why this happens. These have almost all been resolved by the user sending it for review/approval a second time. On-Call staff get notifications when these occur and reach out if we don't see them go through in a timely manner.
- **WFDSS O&M Update/Status:**
 - Release 6.4.6 went out on 7/29
 - Release notes describe the work that was accomplished https://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss_help/wfdss_news_646_release.html
 - Known Issues have been updated to reflect items that have been fixed and new bugs we are tracking
 - We are working to edit the [GAE webpage](#) to clarify that GAEs can now point non-fed users to the [USDA Information Security Awareness Training](#) that is available online to meet the annual security training requirement (the GAE page still shows the paper version). We will get the webpage updated soon and will send out the updated GAE Reference Guide once we make that change.
 - Upcoming Release 6.4.7 tentatively scheduled for Oct. 14th. Planned work includes:
 - IRWIN adjustments/updates
 - Mandatory Infrastructure upgrades
 - Mandatory updates for system security
 - The process for looking up usernames and passwords will be made more secure.

- Users will have to select a new security question from a standardized list. Currently users create their own question/answer. Users will be prompted to select a new question the first time they log in after the release. The security question/answer is used by the IIA Helpdesk to verify users during the password reset process.
- **IRWIN Updates:**
 - Release 6.4.6 completed a few changes to further improve the resiliency of the WFDSS/IRWIN connection.
 - Incidents that have been marked invalid in IRWIN (typically through a CAD system) now display a message, *“This incident is marked as Invalid in IRWIN. Decisions and Analyses should be completed in Valid incidents. Contact your dispatch center if changes are needed.”*
 - If you have issues with potential duplicates, or find that a decision is associated with an incident that is Invalid, please use feedback to requests assistance moving your decision to a valid incident record.
 - Please submit feedback if you can’t find an incident, as we can quickly insert a missing incident if it is in IRWIN.
- **Geospatial Data:**
 - Completed update for Sage Grouse Habitat layer that fixed a missing PHMA polygon and overlap in Wyoming.
 - Updated Transmission Lines layer. The data are now symbolized by Type: Overhead, Underground, or Not Available
 - Updated BLM Oil and Gas leases layer. Layer is now symbolized to indicate whether the lease is Held By Production. Feature information now includes the Serial Number to make it easier to look up information on the lease.
 - Other layers updated include Wild and Scenic Rivers and Landscan Population.
 - Layers currently in work for updates include Jurisdictional Unit, Protecting Agency, and Fire Perimeter History. The Jurisdictional Unit update will include a fix for Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument to show BLM jurisdiction, as well as an interagency update for Alaska.
- **WFDSS Next Gen Update/Status:**
 - Monthly Next Gen status updates posted [here](#)
 - The NextGen team is working on Roles, Authentication, Map Interface/Tools, Reference Data Layer Services
 - Continued requirements discussions with EAS on Spatial Fire Planning and Strategy
 - Continued work on WFDSS legacy data migration

- Continued work on setting up the hosting environment through DOI AWS contract
- Beginning work on Analysis Requirements
- Kick off meeting has occurred and work will begin on pipeline connection between the Next Gen app and the Fire Modeling Services Framework
- Met with Leadership Advisory Group for the first time in July