

November 2020 GAE Correspondence

- **Reminders:**
 - Calls are quarterly with the next call on Jan. 21st. The January call is usually our AAR, please send any topics you have for AAR to Rick and Morgan.
 - Keep your contact info current in WFDSS, FS employees this includes changing to your USDA email from your FS!
- **NEW GAE Welcome:** Welcome Travis Neppi (NPS Southern Area), Travis will replace Richard Sinkovitz. Goodbye to FS/BLM PNW Mark Johnson.
- **RDA Staffing:** Vice Opperman position is working through selection process
- **WFDSS O&M Update/Status**
 - Release 6.4.7 occurred November 18th, release notes available [here](#). As noted on our last call and in previous communication the main effort in this release was to address required security enhancements:
 - All users are required to select a new security question and answer
 - CAPTCHA has been added to the Forgot username and Forgot password process and those processes can only be used 3 times in 30 minutes
 - Links from the Helpdesk haven been encrypted and email validation has been added
 - Cross-site forgery prevention measures have been added
 - Full list of changes are in the [release notes](#)
 - Transition from Criterion to EAS is now complete. We have not experienced nor do we expect any interruption in service from the development team.
 - 6.4.8 is targeted for release on 1/27/2021 and will target High and Medium priority bugs and inclusion of LF 2016.
- **IRWIN Updates**
 - IRWIN is finalizing requirements for v7, with an expected release date on April 28th, 2021.
 - One change, if accepted, may result in a minor change to the WFDSS user interface: changing 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**
 - Updates to the following data will be finished by the end of this month:
 - Jurisdictional Agency
 - Protecting Agency
 - Historic Fire Perimeters
 - Power Plants
 - Substations
 - USFS Trails
 - USFWS Trails

- We have begun work on the 2021 data refresh plan and will be scheduling meetings with each WFDSS GIS Team Agency lead to talk about specific data needs for their agency.
- **WFDSS Next Gen Update/Status**
 - The team will be reviewing and refining wireframes for both the Analysis and the Strategy/Decision interface in November. This is in preparation for implementation in 2021.
 - Product Owners are working with the FEMS group to ensure Next Gen WFDSS requirements for weather data are met
 - Development work continues on the Next Gen map interface (including reference data layer services), user roles and profile, and Incident Dashboard
 - The team continues to assess the feasibility of Spatial Fire Planning (SFP) data as a service and associated web mapping application, so that fire planning data (currently FMUs, SOs and MRs) can be managed outside of WFDSS NextGen. Andrew is working on a white paper with the Interagency Fire Planning Committee to outline the proposed changes with the intent of gathering feedback.