

WFDSS GAE April 2021 Call Agenda

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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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Note taker: Tami Parkinson

- Notes are posted [here](#)

Attachments: none

Agenda Items:

General- Morgan Pence

- Planned outages/reboots are posted to the [GAE Calendar](#)
 - April 28th release coming
- Send training dates to Rick and Morgan- we add to the GAE Calendar
 - Let Morgan and Rick know so if there is a training that overlaps a known outage they can work with you to adjust accordingly
- Update your account info in WFDSS- phone numbers/emails/GAs etc.
 - Important for you and your other users within your GA, to make sure their information is updated for the upcoming field season and they still have access

IRWIN Status – Andrew Bailey

- IRWIN V7 comes out early morning hours of April 28th
 - Accounts for new Fire Reporting ADS - Fire reporting status is changing, WFDSS will direct users to coordinate with the fire reporting person on your units
 - Accounts for the new Incident Name Standard - NWCG standard for incident naming conventions, no exclamation points, semi colons or other special characters – they cause issues with the data exchange process see the memo Andrew referenced
 - Accounts for the increased incident size precision to two decimal places and minimum value of .01
 - Accounts for change from Incident Cause from Unknown to Undetermined
 - IRWIN will now set POO Jurisdictional Agency Unit for records WFDSS receives, WFDSS will set for records it creates. IRWIN will look it up again if the lat/long change. WFDSS users will be able to null it out and change it.
 - Should reduce some data bumps if creating an incident in WFDSS the application will look this data up, but this is a really small portion of the WFDSS fires
 - **Question** – how will this affect some of the Alaska fires, Andrew and Peter will talk off line?

Emerging Issues- All Call Participants

- Some of the ERC's are not in alignment with what they should be, they are really high coming out of WFDSS when compared to FF+, Ben Curtis raised this concern. He has evaluated some of this misalignment within R6, Sam A is following up, but we are interested if other GA's are having the same issue –
 - This is a greenup date issue, is this a WFDSS issue or is this station data
 - WFM RD&A is going to poke around on our side, but people may need to go back to the station data
 - NFDRS 2016 there are some issues with freeze and green up, there will be some discrepancies with Current WFDSS and pulling in the data
- WIMS 'O's' to 'R's' will there be an issue – No Morgan did some testing on this and it wasn't an issue

New GAE Welcome: No new GAE or changes have been identified in the last month

- If you know of changes let Morgan and Rick know so they can update the mailing list and other communication

RDA Staffing:

- Tami Parkinson taking 120 day detail beginning next pay period.
- Nicole Valliant taking 120 day detail next month
- Vice Amato position still working through the hiring process

WFDSS Quick Tip – Peter Butteri

- **How to help GAE's better manage disabled users?**
 - In Next Gen this will be managed by a different process, but that isn't available for 2021.
 - Sign in as GAE account, goto admin, (need less than 1000 users), FWS filter, click the display security information – you can check the last time people accessed WFDSS account

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

- Security training – Firenet training for security DOES SUFFICE for WFDSS access, this was a question from a non fed users because it goes through the USDA FS security authority
- Release 6.4.9 coming out April 28th 0500-0600 Mountain, 2 hours after the IRWIN V7 Release.
- IRWIN V7 changes & Bug fixes/process improvements, Release Notes will be available on the Homepage shortly after the release

- Increased some of the vortices uploads from 75k to 150k
- Landfire 2016 2020 Capable fuels: it is loaded on our testing system right now. When we have it loaded to Production we will use the Group Email feature to let the Analysts know, will also email the GAEs. Should be in the next few weeks.
 - Doing the testing at this point, and will finalize the testing but working on the release as a priority
 - This landfire data layer will be set as the default
- Next Release tentative end of June, but TBD as it is likely dependent on a WIMS database changes
 - More bug fixes, WIMS is functional etc

AA Information/ Coordination: Tami Parkinson

- Information Sharing
 - <https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/agency-administrator-toolbox/agency-administrator-resources> Agency Administrator Resources
 - <https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/agency-administrator-toolbox/aa-wfdss-refreshers> 2021 AA Refresher and Hot Topics webinar

Geospatial Data – Ben Butler

- FMU Schedule and Data Load Progress
 - April updates should be available April 28th will be in the system in a week
 - Update schedule is on the WFDSS page
 - Next data upload will be in June, need to have data uploads to Ben by June 8th
 - Several national layers have been updated ie: counties, NPS buildings, fire weather zones, BLM specific designated areas, AK etc.

WFDSS Next Gen Update – Sam Amato, Erin Noonan, Trevor Miller, Wes Hall

- Status
 - Project Status can be obtained here: <https://famit.nwcg.gov/node/2460>
 - Currently we have set up the Development “Dev” Environment and are working to set up a Quality Assurance “QA” Environment.
 - Once Incident Browsing, Basic Map functionality and the Incident Details/Dashboard and initial iNAP work is complete we will begin integrating User Groups (UGs).
 - UG Nominations are currently closed but will be reopened if necessary.
- Upcoming
 - iNAP authentication
 - My Home
 - User Profile Management
 - Shape Drawing/Editing
 - Basic Fire Behavior

- Relative Risk
- Need to Know
 - WFDSS Nextgen will be using iNAP for authentication,
 - Disabled and locked users will NOT be migrated, if you would like your account and the associated roles migrated please keep your account active and your contact info current.
 - WFDSS Users should match their name in WFDSS to their name and contact info in iNAP if possible to facilitate easier migration of user profiles when appropriate.
 - WFDSS users participating in User Groups should match their contact info to iNAP as soon as possible to facilitate easier migration of user profiles as soon as appropriate.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska: 1500 AK GAE meeting, Fire Scenarios are starting, snow is melting out
- Eastern: active fire season for the spring, High indices for this time of year, some WFDSS support – attribute that to Eastern area WFDSS workshop for AA’s and S-581, some regional refreshers using the learning portal for delivery
- Great Basin: UT unit or district WFDSS refresher, and leadership team updates, working on BLM unit ID updates – worked through NWCG will make this Jan 2022,
 - Nevada – WFDSS refresher 100+ attendees,
 - USFS – Linda Chappel on FEMA assignment – Both Linda and Barbara are retiring, GAE’s for R4 is being determined, think it is fire season but then it snows, some red flag warnings that are a bit earlier than historically
 - Tonja Opperman led the AA training for R4, 94 participants AA and FMO’s highlighted Risk products that would help, RMA products and how to utilize
- NorCal: several WFDSS refreshers – NPS, some data uploads for SO but might not have met the deadline, additional discussions yet to come, some USFS forests need data transfer, some fire activity is picking up in northern CA – drought conditions are leading to fire activity starting earlier than historically
- SoCal:
- Northern Rockies: USFS – North Dakota uptick in fire activity a good WFDSS refresher at that point, Rita chandler is retiring this spring, rest of the region is trying to finish some burning, BLM AA recording for AA workshop will be hosted on the RDA website,
- Northwest: USFS – some data updates that were sent forward, ERC question, not much else going on, trying to get some dates for WFDSS refreshers,
- Rocky Mountain: BLM CO and WY submitted changes for data updates, most of the BLM units are doing their refreshers,
- Southwest: in fire season, wrapped up with fire refreshers, Tonto remains to finish theirs, has been contacting users who have disabled users, will work with data management to update as a

result of a forest plan update, UAG question – one person who was helping out retired, how do we want to back fill? Sam will coordinate with GAE

- Southern: None

Next Call

- July 15th, 2021
- Monthly emails will come out the third week of the month for May and June

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 Liaison: Diane Rau diane.rau@usda.gov
- Active incident decision and analysis support: All NFDSC personnel, best to contact On Call Coordinator (208) 387-5253
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- 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>