**May 2021**

- **Reminders:** Monthly reboots are posted to the GA & Training Calendar. Typically these result in short term impacts to the system.
- **New GAE Welcome:** Chris Mursu FWS Eastern Area, Diane Abendroth detailed behind Cody Wienk (who is on a detail) for NPS NR, RM, EA, and SA
- **RDA staffing:** Jim Riddering has been hired to fill a vacant Fire Application Specialist position. He starts in early June. Nicole Valliant is on detail to R5 Intel for 120 days.
- **Common Issues and Resolution:** Known Issues has been updated. Please encourage users to send in Feedback if they are experiencing an issue with WFDSS.

  - Users with the @ symbol in their login User Name cannot receive password resets via the IIA Helpdesk due to an issue with the encryption method we implemented this spring. We are working to address this in the 6.4.10 Release on June 16th, meanwhile, users with @ in their login User Name that contact the IIA helpdesk will be escalated to the RDA On-Call team member who can manually set a new password for those users.

- **Classic WFDSS O&M update/Status**

  - Release 6.4.9 went out on April 28th, Release Notes and WFDSS is now connected to IRWIN V7
  - WIMS is moving to EROS, and thus WFDSS will need to move/adjust our WIMS connection (WFDSS uses WIMS to provide the historical conditioning weather for fire modeling). The timeline for this may change, currently scheduled for June 8th. We will communicate more when it gets a little closer about the specific timing and system impacts.
  - Release 6.4.10 is scheduled for June 16th, this will address additional high and medium priority bugs.
  - Currently there are no scheduled releases for the bulk of the remainder of the fire season. Releases will be scheduled as needed to address urgent issues.

- **IRWIN Updates**

  - IRWIN v7 launch was successful. Planning for v8 is beginning, but there are no further details at this time on what is being considered for the release. We will let you know through a future GAE email once we know more.

- **Geospatial Data**

  - FMU/SO update schedule - next due date to agency leads is June 2nd, and will be loaded to WFDSS by June 23rd.
  - 2021 Data Refresh Plan – noting that multiple data layers are running behind schedule. If you have a specific question about the status of a layer send us an email/call.
  - **A change is coming to how the Historical Wildfires layers are organized.** In the next update of this layer, which we are working on now to

include 2020 perimeters, we will be splitting out the perimeters uploaded via WFDSS in previous years from perimeters that are collected yearly from Agency Authoritative sources. Both datasets will be organized by decade. The WFDSS Perimeters will contain the latest effective date perimeter loaded to WFDSS, and it will include perimeters prior to the advent of WFDSS that were solicited from agencies when WFDSS launched. The Authoritative Agency Perimeters will contain *only* the agency's authoritative perimeters.

- **WFDSS Next Gen Update/Status**
  - The NextGen development team has migrated NextGen to it's permanent home. The Dev environment is set up but the UAT and QA environments that should have been operational in early April will not be available till early June due to unforeseen IT issues. Please bear with us as we navigate some of these delays.
  - The NextGen team is in contact with User Groups and will be engaging them over the next few months regarding demos of the environment after the UAT environment is setup. Following those demos there will be some testing and feedback sessions. The timing of those sessions is unclear right now.