

WFDSS GAEs-

Feb 2022- GAE Correspondence

Reminders:

- No call in February and March. Our next call is April 21st. Register for the Webinar to get the Calendar invite for the meetings:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1554811017232471821>
- Send Rick and Morgan dates for refreshers in your areas. We add to the GAE and Training Calendar and try to avoid planned impacts to training sessions.

NEW GAE Welcome-

- Matt Ginder GB FS
- Tonja Opperman GB FS
- Raechel Compton (formerly Owens) switched from BLM GB to FS NR
- Goodbye to Jason Loomis NPS
- Please continue to let us know as you become aware of GAE changes for your agency or area.

RDA Staffing

- Detailers: Jennifer Jenkins is detailed behind Andrew Bailey as RDA Data Manager, Scott Brewer is detailed behind Ben Butler as WFDSS GIS Spec., Rick Mowery is detailed behind Tami Parkinson, Patrick Doyle is detailed to the team as well.

Classic WFDSS O&M Update/Status

- Release 6.4.12 went out on Feb 9th full [Release Notes](#) are posted. Highlights include:
 - Prep work for the IRWIN V7.1 update later in March
 - Fixed a bug that prevents users from making edits to a decision after it has gone to Review/Approval
 - MTBS data was added for AK/HI/PR and automatically added to user's preferences
 - Added an asterisk in front of Unit IDs to denote the ones that are inactive in the Data Management tab and elsewhere they appear in the application (we will show this on our April call).
- WFDSS developer support is shifting due to delays on the Next Gen project timeline
 - The next WFDSS release will be a version change to 7.0 and will almost exclusively be focused on upgrading the system to Java 8 and to address a vulnerability with Log4J. Release timing is TBD. We will likely have another release (7.1) prior to the onset of western fire season and will focus on cleaning up/removal of components we no longer utilize to aid in further modernization that we will take on in the fall.
 - Landfire has released new topology layers (slope, elev, aspect). We are working with the LF team to acquire the data and load to WFDSS in March and April.
 - Reminder that "[Paper WFDSS](#)" exists, and is meant to be a tool if the application were unavailable temporarily. The RDA is working on contingency plans in the event of a long duration outage.

IRWIN Updates

- IRWIN Version 7.1 is scheduled for Release on March 21, the following changes have been/will be made to WFDSS to accommodate the IRWIN release:
 - The Incident Type Category will now be tracked, and displayed to users on the Incident Information page and in the Incident History. WFDSS will still only consume records from IRWIN that are Wildfires, but if the category changes to for example a Vehicle Fire or a Debris File this will be tracked and displayed (IRWIN exchange will continue on the records even after a category change away from Wildfire).
 - IRWIN is changing the field name Daily Acres to Incident Size. No User Interface change will occur, WFDSS already used the term Incident Size.
 - Wildfire records that exchange with IRWIN that are changed to False Alarms will now require a size of zero acres. Wildfires require a size (minimum of .01), this was already in place.
 - Tracking of the status of valid/not valid incidents has been added to the incident history.
- Informs 2.0 (currently scheduled for a phased release starting in March) will no longer be a read/write system in the IRWIN exchange. It will only read IRWIN data and no longer write data back to IRWIN for upstream systems to read.
 - WFDSS is working with the IRWIN team to adjust the write access for records in the Certified state so that WFDSS records that were certified with Informs V1 can be edited by WFDSS users with regard to contain/control/out dates.
 - The message shown on the Incident Information screen with regard to how to edit data will need updated as a result of Informs no longer writing to IRWIN. We will work to update that in a later release.

Geospatial Data

- [WFDSS Data](#) page contains the [2022 Data Refresh Plan](#) and the [2022 FMU/SO Update Schedule](#)
 - Next two opportunities to update FMUs/SOs are March 9 and April 6. Get your data to your agency lead by those dates.
- Looking to clean up/update/fix your unit's spatial fire planning data (or switch from the FMU method to Spatial Fire Planning)? Here are three resources if you need familiarized with the Data Management Tab:
 - The [Spatial Fire Planning Guide](#) posted to the homepage (right hand menu)
 - Recorded [Data Management Deep Dive Webinar](#)
 - [Training Video on Spatial Fire Planning](#)

WFDSS Next Gen

- In NextGen Fire Planning Data will be managed outside of WFDSS in a Spatial Fire Planning Service. The RDA team is currently working to help set it up, you can read more on the [AGOL Story Map](#)
- Development of Analysis is under way, specifically FSPro. FSPro in NextGen will be reliant on multiple services (including the LFPS, FEMS and FMSF), while keeping the User Interface (UI) as close to WFDSS Classic as possible. Fire Behavior Analysts will be able to conduct their analysis without ever leaving the map.
- NextGen has experienced a delay in getting production hosting environments (Training and Production) which in turn will delay the use of iNAP and FAM-Auth for authentication, which in turn may change the way User Groups are engaged in the

project. Some User Groups (UGs) will be contacted as soon as an adjusted plan for UG engagement is in place.

- An update will be coming from FAM IM on the delivery date of WFDSS NextGen later this year.

IFTDSS

- The IFTDSS Team has a new StoryMap to share. For folks who may be unfamiliar with IFTDSS this is a collection of images and links to help point users to places they can learn more about what IFTDSS can do. Check it out and feel free to share: [A Short Tour of the Interagency Fuel Treatment Decision Support System \(IFTDSS\) \(arcgis.com\)](#)

More to come this spring with some new Online Course offerings on the Wildland Fire Learning Portal. Check out the self study IFTDSS Overview Course at <https://wildandfirelearningportal.net>