

May 2022 Correspondence

Reminders:

- Please continue to send Rick & Morgan dates for your region/areas WFDSS refreshers as you become aware of them. We add them to the [Calendar](#), and try to avoid impacting them with planned outages.
- Next data update due to your agency lead by June 1st. This will be the last update until the end of fire season.
- Next correspondence is June 16th. The next call is July 21st.

New GAE Welcome:

- Goodbye to Bill Grauel (retired) and Brian Tonihka (BIA)
- Welcome Cheryl Bright (BIA, National) and John Cervantes (BIA, RM, SW)
- Goodbye to Harold Riggs (USFS)
- Welcome Francisco Salazar (USFS, SW)
- Welcome back Jonathan Olsen (detailed USFS, NR)
- Welcome Michael Pagoaga (FWS, EA)

RDA Staffing:

- Lindsay Rae Silvia (Fuels Technician from the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes NF in Vermont) is still detailed with WFDSS.
- Grant Gray (Natural Resource Specialist from the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF in Washington) continues in his detail behind Ben Butler assisting with WFDSS data loads.
- Ryan Hughes (Zone Prescribed Fire & Fuels Specialist from the White River NF in Colorado) is detailed with IFTDSS, also supporting WFSS On-Call.

Classic WFDSS Updates:

- Our next release (7.1) is scheduled for June 1st and will be a “clean up” release in which we address cleaning up code/utilities/functions that are no longer in use. Apart from release 7.1.1 mentioned below, we intend to not schedule any planned releases until fire season wanes in the fall so as to provide full support to active fires. We can/will schedule emergency releases as needed during the summer to address critical items.
- We are working on a new feature to implement the USFS direction relating to resource benefit incident objectives and tracking/notification during PL4/PL5, which will be release 7.1.1, release date TBD. We have reached out to DOI to understand if they would like this feature implemented for their users as well, and if not in will only impact USFS decision approvers. More information to come soon on this topic.
- We connected to the new FIRMS VIIRS/MODIS on May 2nd. We will be correcting an issue with the zoom/symbology size in southern TX and FL in the 7.1 release on June 1. We plan to address the symbology size of the VIIRS vs. MODIS heat in a future release.
- CONUS Elev/Slope/Aspect has been updated on Training and Production. Alaska and Hawaii are being loaded to our lower environments and expected to be available soon.

DSC Support:

- Mark Hale (previously Allan Hepworth) is managing a DSC for the SW GACC on site from ABQ, working to connect incidents with analysts including virtual support. There is already a shortage of analysts. If you are aware of analysts that are able to provide support contact Mark Hale.

Data:

- Reminder our Data resources page is [here](#), with links to the data refresh schedule, and FMU/SO shape update schedule- next data update due to your agency lead by June 1st. There will not be another data update until September 7th 2022.
- PODs (Potential Operational Delineations): many units are adopting the use of PODs. WFDSS Data Managers can use the “Other Unit Shapes” shape type to add shapes to their units spatial fire planning data that are not part of their Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP shapes and associated direction should be loaded as Strategic Objectives and Management Requirements). Data Managers can use the Category field to distinguish these shapes from different Other Unit Shapes. Loading these as Other Unit Shapes will allow users to view them on an incident’s situation map. They can also be included in the Values Inventory if the Data Manager checks the box to include them in the values from the Data Management view.

Next Gen Updates:

- NextGen will be beginning some user group engagement sessions, likely in June. The user group feedback sessions will look differently than originally planned due to inability to integrate FAM Auth so that users could login to the system on their own, instead we will be demo-ing various sections of the application and then gathering user feedback. These sessions will of course be contingent on fire activity level and will be conducted as time and resources allow.
- Currently we are working on FSPro and are integrating the LANDFIRE landscape Service, next we will be integrating with FEMS for the weather and wind inputs and lastly we will be running FSPro in the Fire Modeling Service Framework
- We are also currently working on Spatial Inventory (Previously known as Values Inventory), Relative Risk, and the Spatial Fire Planning Service, , the My Home tab, and the User Profile page.