August 2022

Reminders and General Awareness:
- The USDA has (or will soon) discontinued forwarding emails from the @fs.fed.us domain to the @usda.gov domain. We emailed all the active (non disabled users) in the system with a profile using the old email format telling them to update their email in the system. Users that do not update their email to their current @usda.gov email will not be able to receive password reset links via email from the IIA Helpdesk and will require Tier 2 support from the RDA to regain access to their account.

New GAE Welcome:
- Welcome Kip Van de Water and Brian Maier, both FS/BLM GAEs for NW

RDA Staffing:
- Multiple vacancies but no recent movement to report on.

Classic WFDSS Updates:
- As noted in an email to the GAEs on Monday the 15th, the features designed to identify and notify regarding Decisions with Incident Objectives for Resource Benefit for the FS were hidden from user view on Aug. 17th at the direction of the FS WO. The Summary Report tracking feature will also be hidden from view in the 7.2 release in the fall. The WO directed these be disabled until a later date.
- Currently the developers main focus is on supporting active wildfires and upgrading Oracle and Arc SDE. Other efforts include working to archive decisions and analysis content with FAMWeb. Some preliminary conversations have begun regarding planning for FAMAuth integration tentatively scheduled for later this winter.

VIIRS
- The latest information we have on VIIRS dated 8/11
  - "The S-NPP High Rate Data downlink was activated on August 11, 2022, at 14:35 UTC. LandSIPS and LANCE have started receiving SNPP VIIRS science data since around 15:48 UTC yesterday, August 10, but all product distribution will remain suspended till instrument status and product quality have been confirmed by the Cal/Val, QA and the respective science teams."

Data:
- The next submission date for SO/FMU updates is due to your agency lead Sept 7th. Schedule is located here.
- Building Cluster Data: we are working to change the source for the building cluster data to Microsoft's building footprint data. We will update the source and data in WFDSS in multi-state groups. We have completed WA & OR and are now working on WY, CO, and ID.
- Historic Fire Perimeters have been reviewed in the lower environments and will be moved to Training and Prod next. Of note, some high profile fires from 2021 are not in the data mainly because the fires have not yet been called out, which means they don't have a recorded final fire perimeter in the data. As a reminder this data is coming from the agencies authoritative source and missing perimeters should be reported to agency leads.
- Other datasets next in line include: USFWS Trails, Landscan population data, fuels treatments.

IRWIN

- Not much to report- IRWIN V8 Business Plan is available.
- We intend to connect WFDSS Training to the IRWIN Test environment in the 7.2 release later this fall. This will allow users to practice/utilize incidents created from other systems connected to IRWIN Test without having to recreate them in WFDSS Training, which mimics how it works on WFDSS Production. To be clear we are not eliminating the ability to create incidents directly in Training.

Next Gen Updates:

- Finishing up work in analysis on pulling landscapes from the Landfire Product Service. Next, we will move into getting FSPRO running in the application. Also working on Integrations with FEMS.
- Relative Risk and Organization Assessment are both functional in the application.
- Spatial Inventory and map enhancement work is ongoing
- We are going back and implementing cleanup work after preliminary usergroup feedback sessions
    - To sign up or get more information go here - https://famit.nwcg.gov/node/2664
- Continuing work on the Spatial Fire Planning Service, we hope to have a view out to the Planners and GAEs soon.

IFTDSS Updates:

- Landfire 2020 data now available
- Coming September 1: Maximum allowable landscape size to ~ 10 million acres (currently 3.5 million)
- Coming this fall: Transition to E-Authentication access and Multi-Factor authentication (no more password resets)
    - IFTDSS will be sending correspondence describing the transition and any user action needed
    - Government user access will be via PIV card; Partner access will be via login.gov
    - What Users can do to prepare:
        - Government users ensure their IFTDSS profile contains their current email address (e.g. @usda.gov and not @fs.fed.us)
        - Partners will be asked to create a login.gov account when the time comes if they do not already have one