

WFDSS GAE January 2023 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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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chip Collins, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA    | Jennifer Hinckley, ON, OS, GB | Josh Warden, ON, OS detailed                                     |
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|   |                               | Rick Stratton, area None   |

Note taker: TJ Boyer      Notes are posted [here](#)

Attachments: None

## Agenda Items

### Reminders/General Awareness:

- Send us (Morgan Pence or TJ Boyer) your units WFDSS Training dates. We add them to the [GAE & Training Calendar](#) and will do our best to avoid planned outages during trainings and reach out if there will be known conflicts.
- NFDRS V4 rollout- while the V4 roll out is nearing completion we are reminding WFDSS users that WFDSS is not able to utilize the ERC Y values produced from WIMS for FSPRO. WFDSS has the NFDRS calculator within WFDSS and will continue to produce G values for FSPRO. WFDSS needs many years, (20 is recommended) for ERC values in order to produce FSPRO outputs. FEMS is working to provide the historical ERC values for Y, but it is not available at this time. The plan is for NextGen to connect to FEMS later this year, likely the current version of WFDSS will not. This means analysts will again be using ERC G in FSPRO this fire season. We have a [Help topic](#) on the homepage that addresses this issue. Please feel free to share anytime there are questions.

## Emerging Issues- All Call Participants

- Please send any emerging issues to Rick, Morgan, and TJ.

## New GAE Welcome- Morgan & Rick

- Welcome Kevin Osborne FS NorCal and SoCal. Removed from FS Randy Striplin, Dee Dee Cherry, and Detailers Chris Waverek.
- Welcome Chip Collins NPS for SW, GB, SA, NR, RM
- Goodbye Peter Kelly, FWS
- Please reach out with needed changes to our GAE team
- Erin Noonan-Wright will be working as GA Editor for Region 1 for USFS.

## RDA Staffing- Morgan & Rick

- Tim Sexton retired at the end of December. Tami Parkinson filling a 120 detail behind him.
- Reminder TJ Boyer joined the RDA staff in December and will be working to support the current version of WFDSS. Reach out to him the same you would to Morgan/Rick.

## WFDSS Quick Tip – Rick & Morgan

- Signing up for Fire Behavior and GA Summary Notifications-
  - Demo and explanation of the different notifications.
- Periodic Assessment reminders-
  - Periodic Assessment Reminder continue to be sent until an incident has an out date
  - If a Decision is locked for approval it will not receive updates via IRWIN, including out date.
  - Demo how to set the Periodic Assessments to max days.
  - Per Rick Mowery - Ran into an issue few months back, Irwin is set up to reject an out date for a fire if it is more than 365 days after start date.

## WFDSS O&M Status/Update – Rick & Morgan

- Our 7.2 release which is primarily to upgrade the SQL database is still in progress. Our devs continue to work on the effort and we hope to have a release date soon. When the release is scheduled, we do expect some downtime for Prod and Training and we will communicate those dates/times to GAEs, S495 leads, and post them in WFDSS itself.
- Our 7.3 release will primarily be to connect WFDSS to FamAuth, which will require users to login with their Linc cards or a Login.gov account. We cannot start on 7.3 until we complete the 7.2 effort and therefore do not have an estimated release for this work. We are aware its less ideal to make this change as fire season gets closer and will do our best to manage and avoid impacts to S495
- FireGuard Data- After 7.2 we will be working again to display the Fire Guard data in WFDSS.
- Complex Incident Management Teams- we are tracking the change in terminology that now includes CIMT in the PMS 236 and have a work item in 7.3 release plan to update the Org. Assessment screens in WFDSS to reflect the CIMT language. However, WFDSS will continue to send values of IMT 1 and IMT 2 for Organization Assessment to IRWIN until that system updates the values they will accept.

- Richard Sinkovitz- How will lincpass login work with WFDSS accounts disabled?
- Rick Mowery- it would not, people would be using their link pass or login.gov account to log into WFDSS, but GAEs would still be handling their roles once they were in with this. That is our best picture of it at the time. If somebody's password expires, they won't be coming to any of us. They'll have to go to login.gov account to reset it or to FAMAAuth.
- Patrick Doyle- Is logging in with lincpass disable the capability to grant users access?
- Per Rick Mowery- FS use Mobilelinc to access Eauth. More info to come.
- Jonathon Olsen- Will you be able to log in using a PIV card or the login.gov if you set up the login.gov as a federal employee with a PIV card?
- Morgan Pence- Those that don't have a PIV card will create and use a Login.gov account.
- Jennifer Barnes- Will there be an authenticator app with it for phones? Will have to check with FAMAAuth Team.

### AA Information/Coordination: Tami Parkinson

- Annual AA Refresher- yes, the RDA plans to host this again in 2023, there is no date set at this time. More info to come.
- AA Toolbox & FS Agency Admin qualifications
  - Demo on [AA Toolbox](#)

### Geospatial Data – Amanda Rumsey

2023 plans are posted to the WFDSS website

- [2023 Data Refresh plan](#) is posted to the WFDSS Data page
  - For the next 6 months, Susan and Amanda are going to be working to refresh the geodata or the geospatial datasets hosted on the application to ensure that you everyone have the most up-to-date information possible for their reporting and analysis. As a part of this process, they are going to be reaching out to multiple agency PCs to ask for any critical updates.
  - Priority level new field has been added to the spreadsheet plan
- [2023 FMU/SO Update schedule](#) is posted to the WFDSS Data page
- 6 update cycles for the year
  - Next cycle data due to agency leads Feb. 1
    - Patrick Doyle- Is there a time frame for the classic or will it be the land fire 2020 be added to that as a landscape? He looked in training, I saw that there was the 2016, 2020 capable.
    - Rick Mowery- We haven't seen for certain when they're releasing it, but the last we had from the Landfire team is that they were going to be doing future releases only as Geotif, which we can't ingest into classic WFDSS this at this time.
    - Patrick Doyle- Had a call last week regarding the bio fiscal setting for the vegetation type for 2043 under landfire FET. It primarily affects that boundary between land fire zones 2 and 3 from 2 and Oregon, and then 3 in California. During the calibration somewhere in there it switched from 165 to 162. For 2022, it's going to be switched back for 2022. So if you're using any of that landfire data from 2020 and

you're in those zones and you're using that Geotif layer, just be heads up that FET 2043 you might want to do a universal switch it back to 165 if it's 162.

- Morgan Pence- NextGen will be connecting to the landfire product service.

### IRWIN Status – Rick & Morgan

- WFDSS will participate in the IRWIN 8.0 testing event schedule for the week of Jan. 23. At this time we are not expecting any needed changes to WFDSS to accommodate IRWIN 8.0
- IRWIN 8.0 release date is set for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### WFDSS Next Gen Update –Sam Amato/Wes Hall/Jim Riddering

- Sam Amato progress update- Nearly done with what we're calling in next Gen spatial inventory, previously known as values inventory.
- Gathering all the values, inventories spread out throughout wolf DUS into one place to make them easier to find and use. Also automatically doing a values inventory when you start a decision, so that you'll have some of that values inventory information when you go to do your relative risk. Relative risk and organizational assessment are working.
- Now we are set to incorporate the CIMT changes. Have those edits we need to incorporate.
- Currently working on incorporation of some charting using high charts. We got FS Pro underway with ERC classes and WIMS. So, we're starting to reach out and ping FEMS for some of that ERC and weather data.
- Beginning our FAMAAuth and INAP integration. Unlike WFDSSClassic, we are going to be using INAP for roles. When GAE need to update roles or access, they will do it through INAP. Shooting for April/May to be completed for testing.
- Working on getting some CICD pipeline stuff worked out so that we can be a little bit more stable and then we're starting to integrate some of the content management, the help system, and our home page.
- System preferences and notifications will be doing a user group testing next week. Session will be recorded,
- Susan McClendon- Spatial fire planning services will reflect the FMU versions. Those services are now for the most part up and stable on Arcgis Online on the Nifc org. If you want access to it for testing work through Wes, we do have some testers. There is a view only service available to folks that are members of the NIFC org. so that's not restricted. The next FMU load as Amanda mentioned is due February 1st year for agency leads. Expect that you'll see that in the new spatial fire planning services sometime mid March to end of March, about two week delay in us getting that up and then we're working diligently to get the misfits all the data that doesn't quite come over right so you guys can review it and see what you want to do with it and working diligently to get the other unit shapes up as services as well.
- On the horizon, stuff that's coming up- CIMT updates to the PMS 236 will be integrating those.
- Going to be working on analysis, statuses, and actions. We have a user group on that one. Going to allow deleting analysis in NextGen.
- Notifications and system wide announcements and system preferences user group happening next week.
- Incorporation of landscape rules.

- To sign up for user groups, search in Google FAMIT WFDSS, NEXTGEN Usergroup signup [NextGen User Groups | FAMIT \(nwcg.gov\)](#)

### IFTDSS Update- Bre Schueller/Kim Ernstrom/Tessa Nicolet

- Working on application modernization this year (Software upgrades)
- Working on the Project Works Statement for the next contract (possibly next year)
- Ongoing Tech Transfer efforts for Burn Boss refreshers, workshops, and integration in to fire behavior courses, Fuels Academy, and hiring detailers for an IFTDSS delivery team thru NAFRI
  - Kim Ernstrom- Biggest thing that's happening in the short term has to do with a lot of the outcomes from the national prescribed fire review with the Forest Service and have been getting lots of requests about using IFTDSS for burn plans and fire behavior also some of the 390 classes.
  - Participating in quite a few of the RT 300 Burn boss refreshers.
  - Right now, we've on the books for Region 3 and Region 4. If anyone else out there is working with folks who are organizing those and they would like some demos or some incorporation of IFTDSS in those refreshers, please reach out to Kim.
  - In the process of hiring several detailers that are going to work through NAFRI. The idea is to have a small team of people that would travel around and help each local unit with IFTDSS.

### Round Robin:

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

- Alaska: Peter Butteri- Alaska GAE will meet 1300 today.
- Eastern: Steven Teeter- Ops normal, region continue Rx burning, a lot of snow still left.
- Great Basin: Dylan Rader- NV BLM updating strategic shapes. Had some updated greater sage grouse habitat layers that came out last year that updated their greater sage grouse layers and they're just triggering the change in the strategic objective update. They got 3 districts into their BLM point of contact now and should have the other 3 by the February due date. There is some early discussion that they are going to do a regional WFDSS training in conjunction with the Great Basin team meetings. So again, that's still relatively young and we're still kind of fleshing out what that's going to look like, but that's going to be about the first week of April in conjunction with the team meetings.
- NorCal: Patrick Doyle- Rain and snow have impacted activity. No refresher updates. Inyo updating pods mid Feb. so there might be some strategic objectives update. Got inquiry request that came in last week, and they are going to meet next Monday to discuss it regarding some fires from 2020 and 2021.

- SoCal: Eamon Engber- No fires, just lots of storm impacts and north OPS. We had one site that recorded 47 inches of rain in southern Humboldt County in the last three weeks. So looking forward to some high pressure that's setting up. April 18 for WFDSS refresher potentially. Joshua Tree National Park will be updating their strategic objectives and transitioning to spatial planning in the next month or two.
- Northern Rockies: Johnathon Olsen- Reached out to Forest for WFDSS refresher updates, several forest working with partners for updating pods. Some of that may not be til later this year or early next year.
- Northwest: Kip Van de Water- Fire activity has been nil. Not aware of any upcoming refresher trainings on the units. Wondering if now that there is a national feature Service plan for PODS, if it would be possible to take a snapshot of that sometime before fire season and put that whole thing in WFDSS as like a cohesive data set rather than relying on units to upload them as other unit shapes.
  - Susan McClendon- will be including the pod services in next Gen and it's a good suggestion, but we could probably look at an ETL. Pods was designed to be dynamic. That data is designed to kind of change a bit through the fire season. So, we wouldn't be able to ETL that periodically it would fall under our normal data refresh rules which are basically annually.
- Rocky Mountain: Amy Ham- Have snow cover across a large portion of our region right now and not having much for fire activity. Have crews working on pile burning currently. We're in the process of scheduling WFDSS trainings and refreshers and have one confirmed for March 29th.
- Southwest: Abie - Few units start sending in updates for refreshers. Thank you Morgan, Rick, and Susan for helping with Spatial fire planning updates.
  - Richie Sinkovitz – SE porting of NM seeing some fires, have an RT300 class scheduled for the end of next week, Thursday and Friday, but no WFDSS refresher scheduled at this time and no fires requiring a decision at this stage.
  - Marquez Rance- Fires in lower corridor, no wfdss need at this time, no WFDSS refresher at this time.
- Valdis Neha- No fires for BIA.
- Southern: David Quesinberry- no training scheduled, normal fire activity, outlooks looking above average fire activity next couple months. Trying to balance that with the RX burning.

## Next Call

- Thursday, April 20th 1300 Mountain Time
- Monthly emails will come out the third week of the month for Feb. and March.

## Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:

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## References

Agency Administrator Toolbox: [https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/agency\\_admin\\_toolbox.php](https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/agency_admin_toolbox.php)

GAE Resources: <https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/wfdss-ga-editors.php>

LANDFIRE Data Alerts: [LANDFIRE Program: Data Products - Alerts](#)